

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minutes

November 19, 2003

The General Education Committee met on Wednesday, November 19, 2003, from Noon to 1 p.m. in the Provost's Conference Room.

Members Present: Kambra Bolch (Honors), Jim Clopton (Arts & Sciences), Pamela Elrod (Visual & Performing Arts), Ernest Fish (Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources), Linda Krefting (Business Administration), David Lamp (Arts & Sciences, presiding), Ben Shacklette (Architecture), and Julie Thomas (Education).

Members Excused: Jim Brink (Provost's Office, ex-officio), Ray Desrosiers (Engineering), Bill Gustafson (Human Sciences), Pamela Halsey (Faculty Senate), and David Roach (Arts & Sciences).

Visitors Present: Vickie Hampton (Human Sciences) representing Bill Gustafson.

1. Minutes for the meeting on 10/19/2003. Minutes were approved by consensus.
2. Core Assessment instrument discussion. The "Academic Achievement Orientation Instrument" was presented and discussed, briefly, in the October 15 meeting. The topic was revisited with reflection today. The sense of the discussion was as follows: Reich and Austin impressed the committee with their presentation of an obviously well-designed instrument. Concerns were expressed with respect to the results of that instrument being appropriate for meeting the requirements posed by the state. The instrument appears to be a predictor of student success while the state is attempting to assess outcomes. This appears to be a fundamental mismatch.
3. Transfer Issues. Bolch brought an item to the committee from her department regarding transfer credit given for Core courses. Specifically a transfer course "Biblical Foundations for Living" presented for satisfying the humanities and the multicultural categories' requirements. The committee felt that what appears to be a theology course does not satisfy the humanities requirement manifestly and does not satisfy the multicultural requirement because it does not compare and contrast cultures or present a non-mainstream cultural perspective.
4. Subsequent meetings are to be on January 21, February 18, March 24, and April 21.