

**General Education Committee
Minutes January 20, 2000**

Present: Abdella, Bauer, Hoekstra, Wells, Wicks

1. Beth Abdella called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.
2. Beth welcomed Colin Wells, who is replacing Eric Lund on the committee.
3. Minutes for the meeting of Dec. 8, 1999 were approved as distributed.
4. Update on proposal #769, Phil. 256, Friendship, Love, and the Good Life, which is being considered for EIN credit: Beth read a note from Eric Lund, who had consulted with another member of the faculty to answer our concern about whether there was enough specifically Christian content in this course to satisfy the guidelines. The answer he received was that many courses are already offered for EIN credit that have little Christian content. Since we were not sure of the source of that observation and we still have questions, Gerry agreed to discuss the matter with Ed Langerak and Doug Schuurman, who have overseen the EIN requirement. He will report to the committee via e-mail.
5. Update on proposal #768, Phil 119, Moral Psychology, which is being considered for HBS credit: Eric's note reported that he had consulted with Chuck Huff about our question concerning whether the course fulfilled the empirical area of the guidelines. Chuck had a conversation with Jeanine Grenberg, in which he brought to her attention some additional materials. She will redo the proposal and resubmit it with the addition of the new materials.
6. Student petition. The committee discussed a petition submitted by student Christine Bliss for ORC credit for a religion course that she is currently taking. The committee discussed the petition but noted that this petition does not meet the criteria of the GEC Policy for Retroactive Accreditation, which specifies that consideration will be given only for courses which have already been submitted and approved for General Education credit.
7. The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald Hoekstra, Secretary Pro tem.