

General Education Committee

Minutes for October 10, 2001

Members present: Alison Feldt (Chair, FA), Steve Reece (HUM), John Day (IGS, Associate Dean), Niels Knutson (Elected Student), Jill Dietz (NSM), Abdikadir Adan (non-voting student). Kristy Sybilrud was a visitor.

Chair Feldt called the meeting to order at 3:28 pm.

Minutes for the October 3, 2001 meeting were approved.

Pat Quade would like to present Naurine's questionnaire to Program Advisors at their next meeting, before she sends it out on GEC's behalf.

The committee reviewed the resubmission of **So/Anth 220: Sociology of the Internet** and approved it for HBS and MCS-D credit.

The committee reviewed **Bio 249** for NSL credit. Feldt will contact the CEPC chair about the issue of reactivation of an old course. Additionally, she will get clarification from Eric Cole about the connection between his proposed course and his Island Biology course.

The committee took up the topic of numbering Topics Courses again. Kristy Sybilrud visited from the Dean's office and gave us her perspective. She suggested that a department/program be given a block of course numbers that could be used for topics courses. Different numbers would correspond to different GE attributes. It was also suggested that the registrar use either a letter or a fourth number to differentiate between topics courses with different GE attributes.

The committee reviewed the monitoring situation. Again, with Kristy's help, we looked at the information from the 92/200 returned surveys. Our first concern is with the integrity of the current GE curriculum, so Kristy will send follow-up notices to those who did not return their original surveys. Of the surveys that were returned, 91/92 reported no significant change to the GE attribute assigned to the course.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Jill Dietz
Secretary Pro Tempore