

**General Education Committee
MINUTES
October 18, 1995**

Present: Deborah Anderson, Jo Beld, Wes Brown, Laurel Carrington, Cliff Corzatt, Thad Hellman, Lisbet Kvalseth, Bruce Marshall, Gary Miessler, Fred Ohles, Margaret Hayford O'Leary, A. DeWayne Wee

Minutes: The minutes for meetings held on September 13, 20, 27 and October 4 were amended and approved.

Course review:

#453 Am Studies 201: The Frontier and American History. HWC: Approved.

#454 Para 141: Applied Mathematics: Tools for the Real World. MAR: Approved.

#455 Russ 261: Introduction to Russian Literature I. ALS-L: Approved. Offered for WRI.

#456 Rel 235: Prayer and Praying. BTS-T: Approved.

Oral Communication requirement: The draft revision distributed at the faculty forums and over electronic mail was discussed in light of faculty response and further reflection by individual committee members. Several concerns were raised: That the wording gives priority to a full-credit course rather than a quarter-credit course, thereby increasing the number of GE requirements students must fulfill; that an insufficient number of available quarter-credit courses would limit students to the full-credit option; that the requirement may create a need for increased staffing; that the language of the guidelines still gives too much weight to communication theory. In response to these concerns, the draft was amended. Carrington asked that a vote on the amended draft be recorded. The draft was approved by a vote of 5-3. Beld will prepare and distribute a green sheet accordingly.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 1, 1995.

Recorder: Jo Beld