

## General Education Committee

### Minutes for October 2, 2002

**Present:** Steve Reece, chair (HUM), Bruce Dalgaard (IGS), Naurine Lennox (SAS), Eli Townsend (Student Voting Member), Solveig Zempel (Associate Dean, IGS), ex-officio, Katherine Baker (Registrar representative), ex-officio.

**Guests:** Robert Hanson, Chemistry, Jo Beld, Director of Academic Research and Planning, Klas Borell, visiting STINT scholar, Susan Carlson, Program Coordinator, Center for Integrative Studies

The chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes of September 25th meeting were approved without addition or correction.

It was announced that Scott Lee, St. Olaf Alum, will make a public presentation of research "Trends in the Liberal Arts Core" later this term. A choice of dates on which faculty might attend was discussed and it was decided that Reading Day was preferable to Christmas Festival Week.

The committee and guests reviewed issues that develop with

1) the ORC attribute being attached to courses taught by different professors in subsequent semesters or years and

2) the ORC attribute being attached to one section of a course with multiple sections being taught in the same semester.

Similarities and differences between ORC and WRI were discussed. Chair Steve Reece presented two alternative revisions in the procedure for approving and monitoring the ORC attribute. Following the group's discussion, Steve agreed to draft a statement in consultation with the Registrar's office that will reflect the will of the group and bring it for consideration at the next meeting.

The committee approved the following course proposals:

- **English 283: The Novel** (GE #400) for ORC;
- **So/An 371: Foundations of Social Research: Quantitative Methods** (GE #873) for ORC to be given for current offering of the course;
- **Philosophy 374: Historical Studies in Philosophy-Hume** (GE #870) for ORC;
- **Integrative Studies 210: Understanding Life** (GE #871) for BTS-T and NST-B/NSL

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Naurine D. Lennox, Secretary pro tempore