

General Education Committee
MINUTES
November 6, 1996

Present: Julie Barer, Jo Beld, Laurel Carrington, Jim Cederberg, Dan Dressen, Vicki Harper, Bruce Marshall, Margaret Hayford O'Leary, Chad See, Kay Smith, Lisa Suomi, Charles Wilson

Assessment: The committee reviewed a proposed questionnaire from the students in Political Science 371: Political Research Methods for a preliminary study of student experience with and responses to the General Education Curriculum. The committee reworded and revised some of the questions. The committee agreed it would endorse the survey by including its name on the cover letter, after reviewing the final version.

Minutes: Minutes for the October 30, 1996 meeting were approved as written.

Course review:

#609 Econ 232: Environmental Policy and Regulation. *HBS: Approved.*

#597 Para 259: Community and Utopia. *EIN: Approved.*

#25 Soc 121: Introduction to Sociology. *HBS: Approved.*

Policy on multiple-counting: Smith reported on the discussion in the Math Department concerning the implications for MAR courses of the revision to the "General Education Administrative Guidelines" that was approved at the October 1 Faculty Meeting. After providing a bit of history on the multiple-counting policy, Smith reminded the committee that the October 1 change allows multiple-counting of GE credits in courses offering either MAR and PHA, although that change was not explicitly pointed out to the faculty. Although the Math Department was not unanimous, the majority did not favor multiple-counting with the MAR requirement. If the decision were to remain as it is, the department would then like the guidelines for MAR to be revised to strengthen the language regarding how much of the course should be devoted to mathematical reasoning.

The committee discussed the multiple-counting policy as a whole and how it relates to the goal of an integrated curriculum. MAR was discussed specifically, as to how well it could be integrated with other GE requirements in the same course. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting.

Next meeting: Wednesday, November 13, 1996

Recorder: Susan Canon