

Meeting  
11/12/03

GEC members present: Steve Reece (chair, HUM), Solveig Zempel (Associate Dean, IGS), Dana Gross (NSM), Terry Fitzgerald (SAS), Chris Chiappari (IGS), Erik Fosheim (Student Voting Member), Brittany Larson (Student Member)

Other Attendees: Bryn Geffert (Library), Katherine Baker (Registrar)

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

- I. Bryn Geffert, the College Librarian, put forth the idea of proposing a GE attribute in research methods, given the apparently increasing number of students with limited or no experience in doing library research, even by their senior year, and the decreasing interest and time of faculty to have students do research. Various possible ways of increasing research requirements for students were discussed, but two recent changes have contributed to this problem: bigger class sizes mean less time for research in class, and there is more emphasis on student reactions than on looking to outside sources. The topic will be discussed further at the next GEC meeting.
- II. Three courses were considered and approved for the following GE attributes:  
GE # 921: CS 378-Seminar in Bioinformatics for NST-B  
GE #919: Soc/Anth TA (Term in Asia) 281-Tradition and Change in Contemporary Asia for HBS  
GE #918: ID ME (Term in MidEast) 241-Cross-Cultural Learning in Context for ORC
- III. Minutes from the October 15<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved, with some minor editing.
- IV. A student's petition for waiver of the ALS-A requirement was discussed and unanimously opposed. Regarding the petition process, it was decided that the Registrar will no longer send students to the chair of GEC with their petitions.
- V. Chris Chiappari mentioned his conversation with Naurine Lennox (Diversity Education Coordinator) on revising the MCS-D and MCS-G attributes. He will send out a summary of their conversation to be discussed at the next GEC meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Chiappari, Secretary pro tempore