

## **General Education Meeting**

Approved minutes, November 29, 2000

Present: Beth Abdella (chair, NSM), Bruce Dahlgard (IGS), John Day (Assoc. Dean, IGS), Gerald Hoekstra (FA), Naurine Lennox (SAS), Colin Wells (HUM).

1. Chair called the meeting to order at 3:15
2. Minutes of the Nov. 15, 2000 meeting were approved as amended.
3. Beth Abdella reported that she was invited by Becky Judge, Chair of the Regents-Faculty Conference committee, to join a meeting of the Academic Affairs subcommittee of the Board of Regents. Beth was unable to attend at the time, and relayed Becky's invitation that another member of the committee attend. No other members were able to attend.
4. Beth reported on the status of Religion 275, Historical Geography and the Bible, which was intended as an interim course in Israel. Due to security issues, the course was forced to be changed to "Paul and His World," which would be located in Greece and Turkey. The instructor, Bruce Benson, requested that the HWC credit attached to Religion 275 carry over the new course.

The committee asked Beth to confer with the instructor about whether it was a new course, or simply a different version of "Historical Geography and the Bible." If it was a new course, the instructor would be expected to reapply for HWC retroactively (completing the forms soon after returning), with the understanding that approval would not be guaranteed. The committee also suggested that a member might give the syllabus or course plan a preliminary review whenever they are available. If the course was being offered simply as an alternative form of Historical Geography and Bible, and fulfilled the requirements in much the same way as the course in Israel, perhaps only a change of description would be needed. Beth Abdella agreed to contact Bruce Benson.

5. The committee reconsidered the paperwork of GEC #800, ARMS 122, Introduction to ARNS, which had previously been approved on the condition of amended paperwork. The committee agreed that the new paperwork sufficiently addressed how the course would fulfill the GE guidelines for HWC credit.

6. Approval of courses:

GE # 804 (Religion 226, Christian Theology and Visual Art) was approved or BTS-T.

7. The committee discussed the feedback given by former GE Director, Jonathan Hill, to Beth's draft of the monitoring form.

8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Colin Wells  
Secretary Pro Tem