

General Education Committee

Minutes for February 12, 2003

Present: Bruce Dalgaard (IGS), Dana Gross (NSM), Naurine Lennox (SAS), Steve Reece, Chair (HUM), Robert Smith (FA), Eli Townsend (Student Voting Member), Vanessa Wheeler (Student Member), Solveig Zempel (Assoc Dean, IGS), *ex-officio*.

Chair Reece called the meeting to order at 3:38.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the December 4th meeting. Minor corrections were made and the minutes approved.

The Chair brought the Committee up-to-date on his communication with Scott Lee and Lee's observations relating to the GE curriculum. This prompted a discussion about ways to make the curriculum look more appealing and to monitor departments dropping GE attributes from courses/courses with GE attributes. (Apparently some departments are doing this unilaterally and without notifying the Committee.) The Committee will revisit these topics.

While discussing the issue of monitoring the GE Curriculum, prompted by the conversation about the dropping of GE attributes, it was suggested that Assoc. Dean Zempel bring before the Dean's Council the role the Committee should play in this monitoring process. She will report back at the next meeting.

The Committee received the letter to the Chair from President Thomforde regarding the General Education curriculum within the Strategic Plan. The President has requested a response by March 28th. At the next meeting the Committee will allocate time to this request.

Biology 383 (GE 887) Evolutionary Biology was approved for ORC (beginning Spring Semester '03).

History 228 (GE 885) The History of Orthodox Christianity was approved for HWC.

History 212 (GE 884) The Early Middle Ages was approved for HWC.

Asian Studies 240 (GE 883) Talking in Japan and the U.S. was approved for MCS-G and ORC.

Art 150 (GE 97) Ancient and Medieval World Art was approved for ALS-A and MCG-S (HWC is being dropped).

Art 151 (GE 98) Renaissance to the Present was approved for ORC.

Religion 276 (GE 886) The Ethics of Jesus was approved for EIN.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce R. Dalgaard, Secretary pro tempore