

**GEC Meeting**  
Minutes 3/3/04

GEC Members present: Steve Reece (chair, HUM); Erik Fosheim (Student Voting Member); Robert Smith (FA); Katherine Baker (Registrar's representative), ex-officio; Solveig Zempel (Associate Dean, IGS), ex-officio; Terry Fitzgerald (SAS); Chris Chiappari (IGS); Dana Gross (NSM); Brittany Larson (Student NonVoting Member).

Chair Reece called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes from 12/10/03 were approved.

Chair Reece noted that the GEC web page is functional once again. During the time that the web page was being reconstructed, the temporary unavailability of minutes from past GEC meetings raised the question of whether there are backup copies of GEC documents that are archived elsewhere. The answer is that the Registrar's Office keeps hard copies on file.

Following up a previous GEC discussion of WRI, Chair Reece reported that he had met with Diane Leblanc, Director of Writing, during Interim. According to Diane Leblanc, the First Year Seminars (FYS) are working well; she will contact faculty teaching FYS, however, to reinforce the importance of including a research component in the FYS. The system for the WRI requirement was also reported to be satisfactory. The writing-in-the-major portion of GE is not in the domain of the Director of Writing or GEC, and no further action is anticipated for GEC on this issue.

Chair Reece drew the Committee's attention to the recently released 2003 National Survey of Student Engagement. Some of the findings may be of particular interest to GEC, such as student reports reflecting a low rate of writing of multiple drafts (contrary to the WRI guidelines).

The Committee considered the following course proposals and took the indicated actions:

**GE #925** *Psychology 386*/**GE #926** *Biology 386 – Animal Behavior*

Action: NOT APPROVED for ORC

The Committee judged that the proposal was not complete.

**GE #928** *Chemistry 106 - Forensic Science*

Action: APPROVED for NST-C

**GE #930** *Chemistry 107 - Forensic Science with Laboratory*

Action: APPROVED for NST-C, NSL, and ORC

**GE #931** *Biology 250 – Cardiac Research and Surgery at Emory University*

Action: APPROVED for ORC

**GE #927** *ID 145 – The Intellectual Commons, or, Who Owns Your Ideas?*

Action: APPROVED for ORC

**GE #298** *Dance 264 – Movement and Dance as Cultural Expression*

Action: APPROVED for ORC

**GE #440** *Dance 232 – Movement Analysis*

Action: APPROVED for ORC

In other business, Solveig Zempel reported that the GE Task Force has been meeting regularly and is in an information-gathering mode. Members of the GE Task Force are applying to attend a General Education seminar in Rhode Island in May.

Erik Fosheim asked whether GEC has a position on the question of whether to continue Community Time in its present form or change it in one of the ways that has been proposed by the Task Force studying the issue. Student Senate has discussed the issue and student views have been summarized as part of the Task Force report. The Committee did not have an explicit position.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dana Gross, Secretary pro tempore