

## General Education Committee Meeting

Minutes 3/31/04

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

Other Attendees: Phyllis Stuckmayer (Dean's Office)

The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m.

Minutes from the 3/3/04 were approved.

The Committee discussed the possibility of posting recent examples of General Education Proposals that have been approved by the GEC. The Committee agreed that such examples might be useful for future applicants. A few recent applicants are being contacted about their willingness to allow their proposals to be posted on the GEC webpage. Phyllis Stuckmayer of the Dean's Office thought that posting these proposals would pose little problem.

Possible modifications to the GEC webpage were briefly discussed, as well as whether the page was sufficiently accessible to students. No changes were explicitly proposed at this time. Ms. Stuckmayer stated her willingness to make desired changes in the future.

In preparation for the annual report on the GEC, Chair Reece asked all members of the Committee to provide brief written statements assessing how well the current GE system is working, and how the system and/or process might be improved. These statements will also be used to make recommendations to the GE Task Force, and should be submitted to Chair Reece by the end of April at the latest.

One specific issue that was raised by the Committee for the GE Task Force to ponder was the appropriateness of large enrollment courses in adequately satisfying GE requirements, and whether changes in enrollment from small to large sections might impact the GE status of a course.

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

**GE #933** Africa and the Americas 232: Africa and the Americas  
Action: Approved for MCS-D, HWC

**GE #934** Chemistry 111: Chemistry and the World  
Action: Approved for NST-C, NSL

**GE #932** Computer Science 125: Accelerated Principles of Computer Science

Action: Approved for MAR

**GE #315** Religion 222: The Biblical God

Action: Approved for BTS-T

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry Fitzgerald, Secretary pro tempore