

General Education Committee

Approved Minutes for April 18, 2001

Present: Beth Abdella (Chair) Bruce Dalgaard (IGS), Alison Feldt (FA), Colin Wells (HUM), Naurine Lennox (SAS), John Day (Assoc. Dean, IGS);
Students: David Prestwood and Tony Stano;
Guest: Pat Quade, Director, International and Off-campus Studies

Chair Abdella called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes of the April 11, 2001, meeting were approved as drafted with minor corrections.

Announcements:

Rich DuRocher's Major Seminar 399A can carry the EIN attribute, but none of the other Major Seminar 399 sections will be so designated, by agreement with the Registrar;
When transfer and off-campus courses are to be counted as EIN (rules changed by the Committee, effective this meeting), Sally Gonzalez (Registrar's office) may consult with Ed Langerak and/or Doug Schuurman to determine the appropriateness of such assignment.

The committee considered a request from Jim Dickson to add the ORC attribute to the current course, Psychology 390A: Preceptor Seminar. Clarification of materials and teaching methods used to "formally instruct" the seminar participants in oral communications techniques will be requested before a decision is made.

In the following Committee documents include new language related to EIN will be:

General Education Accreditation of Off-Campus Work: Policies and Procedures: IIC:
Integrative Course: 1. Ethical Issues and Normative Perspectives (EIN) – This requirement may be met by an upper level college course in ethics that meets the published EIN guidelines." The same wording appears in IIC1. in "General Education Accreditation of Transfer Work: Policies and Procedures for Transfer Students" Also in "General Education Accreditation of Off-Campus Work: Policies and Procedures" III.A.1.(a) "First Year Writing FYW" replaces the use of "First Year Seminar FYS". It is correctly stated in the Transfer document.

GE #525 (ID249: The Mare Balticum) will be reconsidered at the next meeting following receipt of response to a request for details about the name of the text and other materials and teaching methods used to "formally instruct" the seminar participants in oral communications techniques.

GE #642 (German 350: German Literature Seminar) was considered for reinstatement of ORC. The committee will use the "Course Monitoring Form," accompanied by a current syllabus, to determine that the course as taught by Karen Achberger meets the guidelines for ORC as originally proposed. The course will be revisited at a future meeting.

Pat Quade raised for the committee questions raised by St. Olaf participation in a Term + Interim program in Germany. The current “GE Accreditation of Off-Campus Work: Policies and Procedures” document does not include language to cover a course that is non-St. Olaf Faculty-led international program in a western country. The committee will consider changing an existing rule or adding a rule to cover granting of 5 GE credits to students enrolling in this program. The current rule states that “one of the 5 credits is MCS-G.” This is not applicable to a Western country course, and whether to grant an HWC credit in its place will be discussed.

The committee is asked to consider other situations and issues which are not currently addressed in policies and procedures (rules) documents—for example, summer school.

Monitoring was revisited quickly. The committee plans to address the first 100 courses approved for GE attributes which will be taught next fall/year?

The meeting was adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Naurine Lennox, Secretary Pro Tempore

GE Committee:

Faculty: Beth Abdella (chair, NSM) Bruce Dalgaard (IGS), Alison Feldt (FA), Colin Wells (HUM), Naurine Lennox (SAS), John Day (Assoc. Dean, IGS)

Voting student: David Prestwood; Observing student: Tony Stano