

General Education Committee

April 25, 2001

Approved Minutes

Committee Chair Abdella called the meeting to order at 3:24 p.m.

Minutes for the April 18, 2001 meeting were approved as drafted.

Course Approved: GEC #525 ID249 (Mare Balticum) was approved for ORC after the requested clarification regarding text and instructional materials was submitted and reviewed.

Chair Abdella distributed the revised documents:

"General Education Accreditation of Transfer Work: Policies and Procedures for Transfer Students" dated 4/18/01

"General Education Accreditation of Off-Campus Work: Policies and Procedures" dated 4/11/01

"GEC Policy on Petitions for Retroactive Accreditation" dated 4/11/01

The Committee will discuss these at a subsequent meeting.

Chair Abdella distributed the list of the first 200 courses approved for GEC credit as prepared by the Office of the Dean. The Committee expressed appreciation for the excellent work in collecting and representing these data. Abdella will identify the courses that are currently active and send a cover letter with the GE Monitoring Form attached to the appropriate department chairs.

The Committee discussed an adapted GE Monitoring Form for use to request reactivation of an old GE proposal. Chair Abdella will incorporate the suggested changes and bring the revised form to the next meeting.

The Committee reviewed the summary of "The Future of ORC Instruction at St. Olaf" discussion from 4/24/01. Chair Abdella acknowledged Naurine Lennox for preparing the summary. There was a brief discussion of the issue; no action was necessary.

Chair Abdella announced that the year's last meeting will be a social gathering with new Committee members invited. Associate Dean Day agreed to fund the cost of the refreshments to the great delight of the Committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bruce R. Dalgaard
Secretary Pro Tem

Members present: Beth Abdella (Chair, NSM); Bruce Dalgaard (IGS); Alison Feldt (FA); Colin Wells (HUM); Naurine Lennox (SAS); John Day (IGS Associate Dean). Guest: Vern Rippley