

# General Education Committee

## Minutes for September 25, 2002

**Present:** Steve Reece, chair (HUM), Bruce Dalgaard (IGS), Dana Gross (NSM), Naurine Lennox (SAS), Robert Smith (FA), Eli Townsend (Student Voting Member), Solveig Zempel (Associate Dean, IGS), ex-officio, Katherine Baker (Registrar representative), ex-officio.

**Guest:** Susan Carlson, Program Coordinator, Center for Integrative Studies

The chair called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

The minutes of September 18 were approved with addition of the announcement from Dean May regarding the profile of General Education curriculum.

Announcements were made by Chair Reece:

1. The web page for General Education Committee is updated and improved; forms are accessible in Adobe/Acrobat format and the pages of GE guidelines are available.
2. Dates of the committee meetings and deadlines will be added. It was noted that this web page cannot be accessed from off-campus sites, even by members of the committee. Robert volunteered to call appropriate persons to see whether a password system or other solution could be found.
3. Next week we will address the questions that have surfaced regarding the ORC attribute. Guests, Jo Beld and Robert Hanson, will be invited to help discuss possible solutions and a proposal to the faculty, if necessary.
4. Eli reported that the non-voting student position is still unfilled, but he is continuing to look for a volunteer.
5. It was noted that there may be future conflicts between very large enrollments (60-120 students per class) and some General Education attributes (for example, WRI and ORC) which are faculty time intensive.

The committee approved the following course proposals:

- **Religion 219: Liberation Theologies** (GE #838) for MCS-D, but notes that the instructor plans to offer WRI, but that the course outline and assignments do not meet the WRI guidelines;
- **History 134: The Trial of Tears** (GE #861) for MCS-D;
- **Economics 371: Economics of Public Policy** (GE #858) for EIN;
- **Religion 267: Punishment: The Death Penalty** (GE #865) for EIN;

- **Art 117: Digital Foundations** (GE #862) for ALS-A;
- **Asian Studies 310: Buddhism through Text and Image** (GE #868) for ALS-A and MCS-G (Note that the course number is “310” on the proposal form and “300” on the syllabus);
- **German 149: German Cinema** (GE #869) for ALS-A and HWC;
- **History 250: Age of the Vikings** (GE #866) for HWC;
- **Political Science 114: Current Controversies in US Politics** (GE #863)for HBS;
- **Art 350: Methods of Art History** (GE #859) for ORC;
- **Art 395: Art History Senior Studies** (GE #860) for ORC;
- **IS 207: You Bet Your Life: Rational Risk Assessment in the U.S.** (GE #872) for NST.

The committee considered the following courses and took actions noted:

**Religion 232: The Biblical God** (GE #864) for ORC was withdrawn. The course will continue as Religion 222 The Biblical God (GE #315) without ORC ;

**Philosophy 374: Historical Studies in Philosophy-Hume** (GE #870) for ORC was referred back to the proposers for clarification and more adequate guideline rationale;

**Integrative Studies 210: Understanding Life** (GE #871) for BTS-T, NST/NSL was referred back to the proposers for clarification;

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Naurine D. Lennox, Secretary pro tempore