

Youngstown State University
GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Meeting: March 1, 2012, 4:00 – 5:00 pm, Tod Hall

Present: Porter (chair), Bonhomme, O'Mansky, Garr, Crist, Beebe, Sturru, Curnalia, Stringer, Rowlands

1. Minutes for the meeting of February 14th were approved
2. The committee voted to include Social Problems, SOC 2601 in the Social Science domain
3. The committee had an extensive discussion of adopting a policy discouraging the inclusion of upper-division courses in the general education model. One view was that rather than having a "hard and fast" rule it would be better to give the committee the discretion to determine which courses are appropriate to include. The alternative view was that it would be difficult to justify accepting some upper-division courses while accepting others without appearing to being somewhat arbitrary. A draft of a policy was crafted, but because some members of the committee were uncomfortable with the proposal it was agreed to circulate the policy proposal among members of the university community for reaction. After the meeting, the draft was circulated among the members of the committee for comments and revised in response to the comments. The final form of the draft, which was sent to department chairs and handed out at the March Academic Senate meeting read as follows:

"One purpose of the General Education Requirements is to ensure that students are exposed to a diverse range of disciplines. Therefore, in general, upper-division courses will not count towards the general education requirements. However, the committee is cognizant that exceptions will need to be made due to accreditation requirements and situations in which the number of hours required for a program become excessive."

Submitted by: Tod Porter