General Education Committee Meeting April 20, 2011

Present: Felicia Armstrong, Phil Munro, Matt O'Mansky, Peter Reday, Brian Bonhomme, Tod Porter, Kevin Ball, Sharon Stringer, Sue Miller

Reviewed current courses in Natural Science Domain. Agreed that both ENST 1500/L and GEOL 1500/L should both be cross listed under Social and Personal Awareness/Environmental Sustainability domain. Committee agreed to flag GEOL 1510 Geology of National Parks. Questioned, first, is this class offered any longer, and second, does it meet the current Learning Goals and Outcomes? Should it remain as a NS course?

Reviewed current Artistic and Literary courses and decided which ones should remain in the new Arts and Humanities domain and/or cross listed.

Is ART 3780 African Art still offered?

AFST 2601 cross listed in Domestic Diversity

ENGL 2610 cross listed in International Perspectives

ENGL 2617 and ENGL 2618 cross listed in Domestic Diversity

FNLG 2610 cross listed in International Perspectives

The committee felt that the following courses were problematic in terms of whether or not they met the new Learning Goals and Outcomes of the Arts and Humanities domain. Tod was going to talk to Mike Crist about the possibility of re-writing course descriptions to bring them more in line both for our purposes and HLC's. These courses include MUHL 2617 Film Music, MUHL 2616 Survey of Jazz, MUHL 2622 Popular Music in America, THTR 2690 The Art of Motion Pictures, and THTR 1512 Survey of Musical Theatre. Tod was concerned that The Art of Motion Pictures seemed more like a "doing" class rather than an "appreciation" class. Also questioned two of the substitution courses, THTR 4860 and 4891…how they meet new Learns Goals and Outcomes?

Felicia suggested that Gen Ed committee see syllabi from all courses to ensure that learning outcomes are being included on each syllabus and to ensure that learning outcomes are being met, starting for fall 2012 courses. Again, this will help with HLC compliance.