

Minutes of the Meeting of the General Education Committee, Thursday 28 April, 2011

Present: Crist, Stringer, Porter, Mullins, Horvath, Reday, O'Mansky, Munro, Miller, Lowry, Bonhomme.

Meeting called to order at 3:05PM

“Specialized” Gen. Ed Courses

Discussion took place on courses such as Business Ethics, which seem aimed primarily at specific majors rather than the entire matriculated population. Questions were raised should such courses be dealt with as a special category or left as they are. To inform discussion, Chair circulated OBOR guidelines for General Education classes. The question was left for further discussion later.

Actions

The committee approved all current NS classes for the new GE model with the following provisos/exceptions:

1. Geology 1510 and STEM 2600 dropped from GE.
2. Physics 2608 OK'd. Course description/syllabus should be altered to better reflect current GE goals

For AH

The committee approved all current AL classes as AH for the new GE model with the following provisos/exceptions/information requests:

1. Music 2616, 2617, 2622, Theater 1512, 2690 – all OK. But descriptions/syllabi should be altered to better reflect current GE.
2. Theater 4860/91. Both red-flagged. Committee feels the very high number and specificity of prerequisites for these courses may make them unsuitable for GE. More information requested on these courses.
3. MUHL 3771/72/73/74: Committee expressed concern about the suitability of these courses for GE based on their prerequisites and descriptions. No decision made.
4. Art 3780 to be dropped, as it is no longer taught.

For SS

The committee began, but did not finish, assessing SI classes as SS The following provisos/exceptions/information requests were made:

1. Students may not receive GE credit for both ECON 1501 AND ECON 2610/2630.
2. Syllabi requested for Geography courses.
3. Gerontology 3703. Concern voiced about prerequisites. Syllabi requested.
4. Syllabus requested for HIST 2606 (to assess suitability for cross-listing with Domestic Diversity).
5. Syllabi requested for religion classes.
6. TCOM 1595: Syllabus requested.

Also: Multiple courses were approved from the three domains listed above for cross-listing with the SPA domain. Chair has a list. Cross-listing not yet complete.

Respectfully submitted

Brian Bonhomme.