General Education Committee Minutes
November 17, 2008
Union 308

The November 17, 2008 meeting of the Faculty Senate General Education Committee was called to order by Ms. Shelly Barabas with the following members present: Dr. Catherine Chambers, Dr. Sam Cox, Dr. Robert Fernquist, Dr. Carla Maltas, Mr. Scott Norwood, Mr. Doug Short, Dr. Ken Stone, Dr. Mike Grelle and Ms. Mona Duncan.

Call to Order and Announcements
- Dr. Grelle reported that the Assessment Committee is discussing the possibility of using the MAP test as a campus standard. There may be changes statewide, so this issue may have complications.
- Regarding the General Education Review Work Group led by Dean Alice Greife, Dr. Grelle said this group has been reviewing a large amount of information. Two documents from that group have been distributed to this committee by Ms. Barabas, and Dr. Grelle encouraged comments from this committee to be directed to him or to Dean Greife. He stated some members of the Phase I group will continue into Phase II. They will be looking at the general education outcomes from other universities. Ms. Barabas said she will distribute a link to this committee to share information from LEAP about this topic.

Approval of October Minutes
Dr. Maltas moved to approve the minutes of the October 20, 2008 meeting. Dr. Chambers seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Course Reviews
COMM 1000 Public Speaking: update on status
Ms. Barabas said that Dr. Terry Cunconan was invited to this meeting but was unable to attend. He had submitted some changes, which Ms. Barabas had forwarded to the General Education Committee. After discussion about the course review, it became clear that Dr. Cunconan was needed to clarify some of the language, and discuss lowering the number of competencies required. Dr. Grelle motioned that Dr. Cunconan be contacted with the possibility of revising the course review or attend the next meeting. Dr. Fernquist seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

BTE 1210 Essentials of Managing Info: revisions
Ms. Barabas stated this course review was approved at the last meeting but small, editorial changes were requested by this committee. On the syllabus they had valuing competencies, but it was not on our General Education format. Discussion followed on the items components which needed clarification on the competencies and assessments. Ms. Barabas will ask Ms. Williams for more specifics. Dr. Maltas motioned to table the discussion and refer the document to the maker for more information. The motion was seconded by Mr. Short and it passed unanimously.

MATH 1300 Intro to Stats: revisions
Dr. Grelle said a disclaimer should be made that this course will not substitute for an upper level course, or the course should be renamed. He said this course is more for math reasoning course with limited rudimentary statistics, and there could be confusion
for advisors and students who want to skip a higher level statistics course. Additional comments from committee members were in agreement that it could not substitute in their departments. Dr. Grelle suggested this course could be called Mathematical Reasoning, and that there are 4000 level classes that are called Fundaments or Intro to Statistics. This course was submitted in Fall 2007, but it has not been approved as a General Education course. It was agreed that the department chair should be invited to help clear up the questions raised. It is possible that the course can be offered, but this committee needs to decide if it as appropriate to offer it as a General Education option. Mr. Short made a motion that Dr. Ed Davenport be invited to attend the next meeting to answer questions, and address the five criteria. The motion was seconded by Dr. Cox and was passed. Ms. Barabas said she will invite Dr. Davenport to attend the meeting in January.

**LIS 1600 University Library & Research Skills (Div II, Area A: Part II):** *review*
Not discussed.

**EASC 1004 Intro to Science—Geology (Div II, Area A: Part I):** *review*
Not discussed.

There being no further business to address, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Mona Duncan, Substitute Recording Secretary