

**Plymouth State University  
General Education Committee**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

Monday, September 11, 2006  
2:30-3:30 PM—Hub Tower Room

Present: Lisa Lindgren (Chair), Kathleen Arecchi (scribe), Mary Campbell, Robert Fitzpatrick, Gaye Gould, John Krueckeberg, Cathi LeBlanc, Robert Miller, David Zehr

Absent:

AGENDA

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:35 pm.
- II.
  - A. Draft Minutes of May 8, 2006 accepted with corrections.
  - B. Draft Minutes of April 24, 2006 need to be reconstructed.
- III. Committee Reports
  - A. Curriculum Committee: no report
  - B. Executive Council: no report
- IV. New Business
  - C. Music, Theatre, & Dance – Robert Swift
    1. Motion: Extend the *Past and Present Direction* designation of **MUDI 1310**, Exploring Music, which *Sunsets* in 2007.  
  
**Accepted: 8-0-0 Sunset: 2011**
  - B. Women’s Studies – Robin DeRosa
    1. Motion: Accept **IS 3470**, Women in Contemporary American Culture as an *Integration Connection*, beginning in Fall 2007.  
  
**Accepted: 8-0-0 Sunset: 2011**
  - A. Social Sciences – John Krueckeberg
    1. Motion: Accept **HIDI 1208**, War in American History: Has the U.S. Become a Warrior Nation? (an experimental course), as a *Past and Present Direction*.  
  
**Accepted: 8-0-0 Sunset: 2011**

D. Robert Miller

1. Concern regarding large capacity GenEd sections

This semester there are *Directions* sections that are capped at 80, rather than at 40, which was the maximum determined by the GenEd Committee and agreed to by the Provost. After discussion of the various pressures that can lead to a perceived need to exceed a cap of 40 students, the committee reaffirms its commitment to a range of 25-40 students per section in *Directions* courses.

The GenEd Committee Chair will send an e-mail message to department chairs reminding them that *Directions* course caps may not be lower than 25, except where the nature of a specific course or the physical space available prevent this, nor higher than 40.

V. Other

A. Mary Campbell noted that there are 58 *Connections* courses and 14 *Directions* courses having a 2007 *Sunset*.

It was agreed that the Committee needs to reexamine the process for reviewing and extending courses that have reached the *Sunset* year.

B. The Committee recognizes that it is very important to create good estimates of the number of seats that will be required in GenEd courses, especially in the *Creative Thought Direction* and the *Wellness Connection*.