

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

December 10, 2007 – HUB Tower Room

MINUTES

Present: Samuel D. Brickley II, Mary E. Campbell (consultant, non-voting), Joel D. Funk, John C. Krueckeberg, Robert S. Miller, Samuel T. Miller (new faculty observer, non-voting), Evelyn M. Stiller (Chair), David Zehr [six voting members]

Absent: Robert E. Fitzpatrick

Excused: Lourdes Aviles

Guest: Elliot Gruner

Presenters of Proposals: Eric Hoffman, Matt Kizer, Bryan Middlekauff, Daniel Perkins, Jonathan Santore, Cynthia Vascak

Recorded in the order in which the agenda item was discussed.

Evelyn Stiller called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

II. Preapprovals:

- a. ENDI 1401 Writing and the Creative Process: approved for renewal as CTDI
- b. CMDI 2020 Sex and Cinema in the 20th Century (and Beyond): approved for renewal as PPDI

III. New Business:

- a. MU 3320 History and Literature of Music II: approved for renewal as INCO and WRCO, 5-0-0-3.
- b. TH 2500 Stagecraft Fundamentals: approved for renewal as QRCO, 6-0-0-2.
- c. TH 2xxx Technology for Theatre Professionals: approved as TECO, 6-0-0-2.
- d. GE 3650 Australia, New Zealand, and the South Pacific: approved for renewal as GACO and WRCO, 6-0-0-2.
- e. AH 4100 Contemporary Art Seminar: approved for renewal as INCO, 6-0-0-2.
- f. AE 3060 Instructional Planning and Pedagogy for Art Education: approved for renewal as DICO, 6-0-0-2.
- g. AE 3500 Technology for Art Education: approved for renewal as TECO, 6-0-0-2.
- h. AG 3500 History of Graphic Design: approved as WRCO, 6-0-0-2.
- i. ESDI 2140 Introduction to Oceanography and ESDI 2150 Oceanography Laboratory: approved for renewal as SIDI, 6-0-0-2.
- j. NSDI 2500 Environmental Science: approved for renewal as SIDI, 6-0-0-2.
- k. NS 3480 History of Science: approved for renewal as INCO, 6-0-0-2. This course is also offered as SS 3480.
- l. NS 4200 Geographic Information Systems and Remote Sensing in the Sciences: approved for renewal as INCO, 6-0-0-2.

IV. General plan for CLA pilot: CLA is a test of critical thinking and focuses on writing. It will be administered to a cross section of 100 first year students Fall 2008 and to a cross section of 100 seniors Spring 2009. It costs \$6500. It is administered online and takes 90 minutes. It includes a 'make an argument' task and a 'critique an argument' task.

V. CLA experience: Elliott Gruner. Elliott shared his experience with CLA, which is used by 215 schools across the country. His concerns about CLA include:

- It is a standardized test
- Genre of test; emphasis put on a particular type of writing
- Who is judging this assessment of writing—machine graded or jury graded
- Conditions under which CLA is administered
- People start teaching to the test

Elliott would like a writing capstone in the discipline. He suggested that we need other assessments, not just relying on CLA. Elliot will work with David about how they are doing the assessment.

I. Minutes of November 26nd meeting: approved as distributed, 6-0-0-2.

VI. Committee Reports

- a. Curriculum Committee. Mary reports to the General Education Committee the actions approved by the Curriculum Committee that affect General Education courses. The General Education Committee may vote to continue General Education status based on her written report. They may also question the continuance and ask the department sponsoring the course in question to resubmit the course as changed for general education status. The consensus of the Committee was that this process was efficient.
- b. Steering Committee. Evelyn will report to the Faculty in February.

Mary noted that the following courses have a May 2008 sunset date and have not yet been submitted for renewal:

BU 3200 Business and the Environment (INCO)
CS 1150 Introduction to Multimedia Technology (TECO)
CSDI 2390 Creative Programming (CRTDI)
EN 3510 Currents in Global Literature (GACO)
HIDI 1315 Cultural Contact in World History (SSDI)
HI 3352 African-American History (DICO)
HI 3356 American Ideas (INCO)
HI 3480 The French Revolution and Napoleonic Era, 1789-1815 (GACO)
HI 3530 US Home Fronts: The 1940's and 1950's (DICO) (WRCO)
HI 3740 History of Japan (GACO)
HI 3750 History of Modern China (GOCAO)
HI 3828 Women and Global Colonialism (GACO)
HU 4020 Senior Project II (WRCO)
NS 4340 Science in the Secondary School (TECO)
PSDI 2030 Mind, Brain, and Evolution (SIDI)
PS 2100 Measuring Behavior (TECO)

Particular concern was expressed for the TECO courses. A major can not be offered if it does not include a TECO. Evelyn will send another reminder to Department Chairs and will share the Committee's concerns with the Provost.

The General Education Committee meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in HUB 123. Sam Miller noted that he is teaching spring semester at the day/time that the

General Education Committee meets so he will not be able to attend the meetings. The next meeting of the Committee will be **February 11, 2008**.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Campbell, Scribe
Director of Curriculum Support

These minutes were approved February 11, 2008.