

University Committee on Curriculum Planning
November 30, 2001 Minutes
Library Conference Room, 2:00 pm

Present: Michael Richards, Verlinda Angell, Artis Grady, Brian Heuett, Terry Lewis, Kim Craft, Jim Harrison, Suzanne Larson, Maxine Stolk, Diana Graff (chair), Sheri Butler (Secretary)

Minutes of November 28 were reviewed, changes made and passed as amended.

GE Classes for Consideration:

- MUSC 1010: Introduction to Music, revise syllabus to show MUSC 1010 not MUSC 101
- ENGL 2500: Introduction to Literature
- POSC 1100: American National Government
- HIST 1700: American Civilization
- COMM 3330: Ethics, Moral Choice and Society

Motion made to add these courses for consideration and approved.

The committee began looking at the proposed general education curriculum and model. This form showed each course and included semesters taught, optimum enrollment, annual number of sections, annual capacity enrollment, estimated annual enrollment, and the actual enrollment for Fall 2001.

Upon viewing the Literacy section of the core, it is apparent that the English department could teach fewer courses of 2010 and increase the number of sections in 1010 without additional faculty. The committee would like to make a blanket statement that the deans review the course load, number of sections and enrollment to make sure that we are offering courses in the most efficient way.

Fine Arts: Courses that have been submitted were reviewed and then we proceeded to look at other courses that the committee would like to see offered as GE:

- ART 1120: Two-dimensional design
- DANC 1100: Classical Ballet I
- DANC 1110: Modern Dance I
- DANC 1120: Tap Dance I
- TA 1590: Script Analysis

The suggestion will be made to the Music department that they develop a variety of music history classes to include various types of music such as jazz, pop, blues, etc. and offer as GE courses in the 2003 catalog.

Science: Delete PHSC 2040.2050 2060, PHSC 2240, 2250, 2260. Labs will be listed with narrative to show that they are not required, but if they are taken they do not count as a separate class in the category.

Humanities: The committee would like to see more courses in GE. The foreign languages will be included in the 2000 level also, and two courses of American Sign Language will be included.

Social Science: There were not enough course submittals from this area.

Personal Development: Where does the committee put courses that do not really fit into any knowledge area, but are valuable GE courses. A new category called Personal Development was proposed. The committee members felt strongly that it was too late to include another category. Committee members wanted to see these courses still included. A capstone course was discussed as a way to evaluate General Education. This is a 1-credit course that would allow the university to assess the effectiveness of GE.

After reviewing each area, the committee looked at the totals again to see where we stood with the total enrollment. M. Richards will go back and enter in the enrollment numbers for the courses that the committee wants to see included in the GE curriculum. This model will be presented to the Dean's Council on Monday, December 3.

How can GE be fine tuned next year since the courses have been accepted this year? The expectation is that these courses will all remain in GE until the next major review. The revision of GE will be a continuing process and classes will be added/dropped next year.

Currently we are just taking existing courses that could serve as GE courses and implement them for GE purposes. Are there other universities that have classes that are just for GE? Could we start in that direction to bring some unity into our GE? This is an area that could be worked on for the next catalog.

A vote on the GE model was called and it was unanimously approved.

Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, Dec 4 at 7:00am.