

General Education Committee Meeting 9/18/06

Members Present: Kris Butler, Tricia Davis, Yunge Dutton (for K. Browning,) Tracey Gladstone-Sovell, Charles Hurt, Karen Klyczek, Brian Schultz (for C. Corcoran,) Donavon Taylor, Ian Williams (Chair) Ruth Wood, Karla Zhe (for S. Tarr)

Guests: Mike Middleton, Bob Baker

Meeting called to order at 10:13, in Cooklock Room of Davee Library
Minutes from 9/15/06 were approved with noted changes (Taylor/Gladstone-Sovell)

Chair's Report: None

New Business:

Motion (Butler/Klyczek) to approve **GEOL 102 as an SL course for four years.**

Discussion of the proposal included

- Baker and Middleton noted that this is a one credit course that can only be taken with or after a student takes GEOL 101. Approving GEOL 102 as an SL course would make the combination a 4 credit SL option which is similar to what occurs with Physics 161/101 and 151/156. They also noted that this proposal was in response to a request for more SL courses.
- Explained the department's approach to the course and their assessment methods. New tools were developed so that the course could be part of Gen Ed
- Gladstone noted that the rubrics and assignments need to be attached to the appendix and gave clarification on what the committee is given concerning the actual assignments
- Schultz received clarification regarding the to be used to analyze the data. There are usually 3 sections with about 20 students/section each semester. Most of the students will not be taking the course for Gen Ed.
- Klyczek noted that there might be more interest than expected given the demand for SL courses
- Gladstone received clarification about how the data will be reported. Baker/Middleton indicated that we will see data for each component of the lab assignment.

Motion passes 6-1

Old Business:

There was discussion about the wording of the SL criteria for Physics. Yunge Dutton was asked to report back to the committee about how the DAR treats the lab only course if it is taken after the lecture course.

Motion (Wood/Klyczek) that a footnote should be added indicating that taking the 102 course can change an S to an SL if it is taken with or after the 151 course. Motion postponed until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05.