

Minutes

November 20, 2006

General Education Committee

Present: Kayla Anderson, Jenifer Biss, Jennifer Borup, Kelly Browning, Kris Butler, Tracey Gladstone, Karen Klyczek, Brian Schultz, Don Taylor, Rich Wallace, Ian Williams (Chair), Ruth Wood.

Guest: Eileen Korenic

The committee came to order at 10:13 am.

The minutes for November 17 were approved with one modification.

Chairs Report: Should permission numbers be allowed for ENG 243 enabling a specific section to be reserved for English majors? It was decided that the committee will invite Deans and other interested parties to discuss the ramifications of this proposal at a meeting next semester.

Old Business: PHYS 117, for re-approval in the S designator

Motion: Re-approve PHYS 117 for the 5 year term. (Gladstone/Schultz)

Some discussion about the use of pre- and post-tests. Borup points out that while valuable data, it is not relevant to this committee's decision. The physics department needs to set measurable goals for assessment, and demonstrate how well students have done compared to those goals. During the next approval period the physics department should assess written components.

Motion passed unanimously.

As a result of these discussions it was decided that, in the light of the reports we are currently hearing, next semester this committee will try to better define exactly what data need to be submitted to the committee for a re-approval report, and what the feedback mechanism for the department will be. Suggestions: include the original appendix GE in the report, ask for modifications of Appendix GE in the light of experiences with assessment, make sure the department has a written report of committee comments.

New Business: none.

The committee adjourned at 10:57 am.