

## **Minutes**

December 1, 2006

General Education Committee

Present: Kayla Anderson, Jenifer Biss, Kelly Browning, Kris Butler, Tricia Davis, Tracey Gladstone, Karen Klyczek, Don Taylor, Sue Tarr, Ian Williams (Chair), Rich Wallace, Ruth Wood.

Guests: Keith Chavey, Robert Coffman

The committee came to order at 10:14am.

The minutes for November 27 were approved with no corrections.

Chairs Report: **Motion: Dave Furniss is to replace Ruth Wood for the spring semester 06-07.** (Wood/Gladstone)  
Motion passed unanimously

There was some discussion concerning the letter to be sent to the Physics department confirming the extension for PHYS 117 (Astronomy). Karen Klyczek asks if it is indeed an established rule that departments must have a written portion of the assessment? Others responded that writing is important and that in many classes its use in assessment, to a significant degree, is important. A compromise wording was decided on viz.: "The physics department should also consider adding a written assessment piece, and explain their decision at the time of their next report."

Old Business: none

New Business: MATH 146, 147 & 149, for re-approval in the M designator.

Keith Chavey spoke about the three math courses and their assessment. He noted that, statistically, the results of the assessment questions do not appear to be significantly different from the grades in these classes. The committee requested that next time Math reports on a course it would be easier to read the report if score results were given in percentages. We were impressed by the use of an individual who did not teach the class to grade the assessment questions.

**Motion: Re-approve MATH 146 for 5 years in the M designator.**  
(Tarr/Wood)

Motion passed unanimously

**Motion: Re-approve MATH 147 for 5 years in the M designator.**  
(Tarr/Wallace)

Motion passed unanimously

**Motion: Re-approve MATH 149 for 5 years in the M designator.**  
(Wallace/Gladstone)

Motion passed unanimously

The committee adjourned at 11:00am.