

General Education
March 9, 2005
Approved Minutes

Present: Jim Rife, Dick Liebendorfer, Ron Nickerson, Chair, and Johnson Afolayan

- 1) We reviewed a student appeal to substitute EET 125 for Humanities 250 in Category 6 (Humanities and the Arts). The student in question had been advised by student counseling staff in the College of Science, Engineering and Technology that such a substitution was essentially an automatic substitution. Unfortunately, that is not necessarily the case. The committee felt that since the student was given poor advice by a university staff member in a position to render advice, that the student should not be penalized in this case. However, this is a non-precedent setting recommendation applied to this case only. The committee further recommends that if the college wishes to continue using EET 125 as a substitute for courses in category 6, that the department in question should submit a course proposal to have EET 125 added to the General Education Curriculum.
- 2) We discussed the follow-up information received from the Department of Military Sciences regarding their proposal to add MIL 252 to Category 5 (History and Social and Behavioral Sciences). Members were generally pleased that the department had addressed our previous concerns over how the course content related to the desired learning outcomes for the category. However, we re-tabled the proposal pending feedback from Gretta Handke because the course in question is a military history course.
- 3) We reviewed proposal number 140 from the Department of Biological Sciences to withdraw Biol 201 from categories 8 (Global Perspective) and 10 (People and the Environment). Dick Liebendorfer moved acceptance of the proposal. Johnson Afolayan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
- 4) The committee discussed proposal number 145 from the Department of Chemistry and Geology to create a new Gen Ed Course titled Science of Sport (CHEM 135) for inclusion in Category 5 (Natural Science). The course rationale indicates that this course will also be identified as HP 135 by the Human Performance Department and have dual listing in the university bulletin. The committee tabled the request pending consultation with the Office of Academic Affairs to determine whether or not a companion proposal should be submitted from the Department of Human Performance for HP 135 since the two departments are in two different colleges. Ron will follow-up with Warren Sandmann and the Department of Human Performance.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Nickerson