

**ACADEMIC SENATE – CSUF
GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
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To: Academic Senate

From: Tony Rimmer, Chair
GE Committee, 2006-2007

Re: Annual Report, General Education Committee, 2005-2006

I. LIST OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee Membership	Office X	Office Loc.	Department	College	Term
GENERAL EDUCATION		Set Meeting Time: FRIDAY 2:00-4:00 Each college (H+SS) [9 faculty]			
Nancy Fitch *	2964	H-820M	History	SOC SCI	2007
Carl Renold	5106	EC-460	Human Services	HHD	2007
David Falconer	3018	CS-429	Computer Science	ECS	2007
Tony Rimmer, Chair	5628	PLS-044D	Communicatons (FDC)	COMM	2007
Jan Weiner, Vice Chair	2097	EC-572	Special Education	EDUC	2007
Irene Lange	2223	CP-900	Marketing	CBE	2007
Katherine Powers	5341	PA-235	Music	ARTS	2008
Jerry Lege	2741	MH-157A	Mathematics	CNSM	2008
Pilar Valero-Costa	5205	H-830C	Modern Languages & Lit	HUM	2008
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<i>Student</i>					
Bridget Driscoll	7383	UH-125B	Dir-Acad Advising Svcs		non-voting
Sylvia Alva	4586	MH-111D	Assoc.VP-Undergrad Prog		non-voting
John W. Bedell	2737	H-735C	Sociology	SOC SCI	Ex Liaison

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II. COMMITTEE ACTIONS

1.0 General Overview.

The Committee had an active year, meeting a total of 15 times, seven in fall 2006 and eight in spring 2007. In addition three subcommittees were active reviewing course proposals between regular meetings. There was also some informal consultation among members during intersession 2007 as the committee began drawing up its proposal to the Academic Senate for a moratorium on GE course certifications so the committee could begin a program review of General Education.

Three issues before the Committee this year deserve highlighting:

1. The Committee completed the endeavor begun by its predecessor Committees of recertifying all existing GE courses.
2. Late in the year the Nursing program submitted a request to the Committee for unit-limit variations in several GE categories in its new pathways program to the BS nursing program. The Committee began considering the issue at the end of its term, with the expectation that the issue would have to be continued by the 2007-08 Committee.
3. The committee proposed to the Academic Senate that a moratorium on the certification of GE courses be imposed so that next year's committee might be able to undertake a program review of its activities. The proposal began with a motion passed by the Committee at its December 1, 2006 meeting, as follows:

MSP: GE committee recommends to the Senate a one year moratorium on receiving and approving new GE courses in order to undertake a comprehensive review of the GE program.

A concept paper was developed by the Committee supporting the motion and the case was submitted to the Academic Senate in the Spring of 2007. The Senate approved the idea of the moratorium while retaining some provisions for the continuing certification of GE courses.

2.0 Review of New Course Proposals & Existing Courses Seeking GE Status

The following new courses were reviewed and recommended to the Academic Senate by the GE Committee for inclusion in the GE Program:

Fall 2006

ARAB 203	Intermediate Arabic A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
CHIN 203	Intermediate Chinese A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
ITAL 203	Intermediate Italian A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
KORE 203	Intermediate Korean A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
PERS 203	Intermediate Persian A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
VIET 203	Intermediate Vietnamese A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
GEOG 342	The Middle East, in Category III.C.2, Implications, Explorations, and Participatory Experience in the Social Sciences, and Category V, Cultural Diversity
ITAL 101	Fundamental Italian A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
ITAL 102	Fundamental Italian B, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
KORE 101	Fundamental Korean A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
KORE 102	Fundamental Korean B, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
PERS 101	Fundamental Persian A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
PERS 102	Fundamental Persian B, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities

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MUS 308	Music of the Middle East, in Category III.B.3, Implications, Explorations, and Participatory Experience in the Arts and Humanities, and Category V, Cultural Diversity
ART 380	Art and Child Development, in Category III.B.3, Implications, Explorations, and Participatory Experience in the Arts and Humanities
ENGL 331	Shakespeare on Film, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities

- VIET 101 Fundamental Vietnamese-A, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities
 VIET 102 Fundamental Vietnamese-B, in Category III.B.2, Introduction to the Humanities

The following existing course was reviewed and recommended to the Academic Senate by the GE Committee for inclusion in the GE Program:

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- CPRL 380 Religion and Violence, in Category IV, Lifelong Learning, and Category V, Cultural Diversity

The following new course proposals were not voted on. They will be carried over to next year for further consideration, pending responses from their respective departments to questions raised by the Committee during preliminary review:

- BIO/CHEM 105 Molecules of Life; Request from Chemistry to reclassify CHEM 105/BIO 105 from III.A.2.c. (Disciplinary Learning, Life Science) to III.A.2.a. (Disciplinary Learning, Physical Science) and list as CHEM 105
- CAS/AFRO 370 Development of African American Children and Youth
- CHIC/RTVF 382 The Bronze Screen: Latino in Film
- EDAD 364 Justice & Equity in California Education
- LBST 325 Science on the Silver Screen
- WMST 330 Women in Leadership
- READ 380 Critical Reading, Critical Thinking, and Problem Solving for Life-Long Learning
- RTVF 361 American Television
- CHEM 200 Chemistry for Nursing & Allied Health Professionals
- KINES/BIO 220A Integrated Human Anatomy & Physiology

3.0 Recertification of Existing GE Courses

The GE Committee completed the task of recertification of existing GE courses initiated and worked on by previous committees. Quoting language from the Committee's annual report for 2005-06 (p. 2), "The process of recertification (through the work of three subcommittees) has proven to be a useful vehicle to encourage and support departments and programs to ensure that GE courses address and met the required GE Learning Goals in the appropriate category."

Nine courses were recertified this year through this process. They were:

- BIOL 319/319L Marine Biology
- GEO 101/101L Physical Geology
- GEO 140 Atmosphere and Oceans
- GEO 310T Geology of California
- HCOM 235 Essentials of Argumentation
- HON 101 A & B Honors, Critical Thinking
- MATH 338 Statistical Applications in the Natural Sciences
- PHIL 105 Critical Thinking
- PHIL 386 Philosophy of Biology

4.0 Proposals to the Academic Senate

1. Nineteen new courses (identified in item 2.0 above) were recommended to the Academic Senate by the GE Committee for inclusion in the GE Program. The Senate approved the courses.
2. The committee proposed to the Academic Senate that a moratorium on the certification of GE courses be imposed so that next year's committee might be able to undertake a program review of its activities. The Senate approved the idea of the moratorium while retaining some provisions for the continuing certification of GE courses.

5.0 Plans for 2007-08

The 2007-08 Committee has a lot of very important work coming at it next year. Two of the larger tasks:

1. Given its scale, the Nursing program's proposal for unit-limit variations in several GE categories in its new pathways program to the BS nursing program is a very complex issue for the Committee. The issue is further complicated by the number of new courses that the Nursing program is proposing. The Nurses appear to have done a comprehensive job of planning their proposal. This will be of great assistance to the Committee, but there is still no denying the scale and complexity of the task before the Committee as it considers the waiver proposal and the new courses therein.
2. The Academic Senate's approval of the GE Committee's course moratorium proposal has cleared the way for the Committee to begin its long-planned program review of General Education at Cal State Fullerton. The present program is cumbersome, complex in its requirements, and over time it has built a large inventory of courses. We look forward to hearing about the progress, and the outcome, of this review. The fundamental question, of course, is whether our program, as presently constituted, meets the university's aspirations for general education.