

**ACADEMIC SENATE – CSUF
GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT
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Date: May 31, 2006
 To: Academic Senate
 From: Paul Levesque, Chair
 GE Committee, 2005-2006
 Re: **Annual Report, General Education Committee, 2005-2006**

I. LIST OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Paul Levesque, Chair (Humanities)
 Nancy Fitch (Social Sciences)
 Carl Renold (HHD)
 Gerald Gannon (NSM)
 Christina Smith (ARTS)
 Tony Rimmer (FDC)
 Irene Lang (CBE)
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 Claire Palmerino (ex officio) – Fall 05
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II. COMMITTEE ACTIONS

1.0 General Overview. The Committee was very productive, holding a total of fourteen meetings during the year (seven in the fall and seven in the spring). In addition, the three subcommittees met about the same number of times. The ad hoc committee met once to award grants.

2.0 Review of New Course Proposals & Existing Courses Seeking GE Status. The following new and existing courses were reviewed and recommended to the Academic Senate by the GE Committee for inclusion in the GE Program:

Fall 2005

<u>ASAM/CPRL 322</u>	Asian Pacific Americans and Religion III.B.3 & V (new course)
GEOG 329	Cities and Nature III.A.3 (EXISTING Course)

Spring 2006

BIOL 318 Wildlife Conservation III.A.3 (new course)
ASAM 325 Asian American Film and Video III.B.3 & V (new course)
LBST 101 Introduction to the Social Sciences III.C.1 (new course)
AFRO 308 African American Males in American Social Systems III.C.2 & V (new)

The following New Course Proposals were not voted on and will be carried over to next year for further consideration, pending responses from the respective departments:

ARAB 203 Intermediate Arabic A;
 CHIN 203 Intermediate Chinese A;
 ITAL 203 Intermediate Italian A;
 KORE 203 Intermediate Korean A;
 PERS 203 Intermediate Persian A;
 VIET 203 Intermediate Vietnamese A;
 MLNG 305T Global Issues in World Cinema;
 WMST 330 Women in Leadership;
 COUN 375 Counseling Skills for Health Professionals;
 MLNG 308 German-speaking Culture through Cinema & Literature;
 READ 380 Critical Reading, Critical Thinking & Problem Solving for Lifelong Learning;
 ENGL 331 Shakespeare on Film.

Extensive discussion and consultation was given to New Course Proposal EDAD 364 California School Law and the Committee recommended not approving this course in its current form; however, the department has the option of resubmitted the course after addressing the requested substantial modifications.

Additional New Course Proposals were considered by the Committee but withdrawn by the proposing departments for a variety of different reasons, viz., POSC 341 and RTVF 372 were referred to the Curriculum Committee as non-GE courses; the departments proposing MUSIC 300 and ANTH 307 decided not to continue the process.

3.0 Recertification of Existing GE Courses.

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.

3.1 The Committee **completed** its review of carry-over courses from previous years in GE categories III.B.2 “Introduction to the Humanities” and III.B.3 “Implications and Explorations and Participatory Experience in the Arts and Humanities.” The courses recertified are:

ENGL 105 III.B.2
 ENGL 211 (CCF from 311) III.B.2
 ENGL 222 III.B.2
 ENGL 328 III.B.3 & V (CCF from 420)
 ENGL 212 III.B.2 (CCF from 313)

3.2 The Committee continued its review of courses in III.A.2 “Natural Sciences” and III.A.3 “Implications and Explorations in Natural Sciences and Mathematics,” recertifying three courses in this category. Six courses and two labs continue to be reviewed by subcommittees A & B: GEOL 101; GEOL 101L; BIOL/CHEM 105; BIOL 319L; GEOL 140; GEOL 310T; MATH 338; and PHIL 386). The three recertified courses are:

ANTH 101 III.A.3
 PHIL 303 III.A.3
 GEOL 376 III.A.3

3.3 The Committee **completed** its review of carry-over courses from fall 04 of GE Category II. “Historical and Cultural Foundations.” The courses recertified are:

HIST 110A II.A
 HIST 110B II.A
 HIST/AFRO/CHIC 190 II.B.1
 POSC 100 II.B.2

3.4 In Fall '05 recertification began of courses in GE Category I “Core Competencies.” Three courses (HONR 101A, HONR 101B, PHIL 105) have not been completed and will be carried over to next semester; (we are waiting for department responses to subcommittee requested changes). The following courses were recertified.

HCOM 100 IA
 CHIC 102 IA
 HCOM 102 IA
 THTR 110 IA
 ENGL 101 IB
 HCOM 235 IC
 PHIL 106 IC
 READ 290 IC
 HCOM 235 IC
 PSY 110 IC

3.5 ENGL 323T has been withdrawn by the English Department from III.B.3 & V because it has not been taught in the last four years.

4.0 Ad Hoc GE Assessment Committee. The ad hoc GE Assessment Committee met to award grants for GE Assessment Proposals. Under the direction of Sylvia Alva, in February 2006 the GE Committee and the Office of Academic Programs issued a co-sponsored call for proposals to support faculty work to develop and refine assessment strategies to measure student learning in our GE program. An information session was conducted on February 23 and proposals were accepted until March 10, 2006. Five proposals were accepted with awards ranging from \$ 3,985-10,400. Two proposals were invited to revise and resubmit.

5.0 Proposals to the Academic Senate. In addition to the Committee's recommendations regarding GE new and existing Course Proposals, five recommendations were offered to the Academic Senate for its consideration.

5.1 On October 14, 2005, the GE Committee recommend to the Academic Senate that a waiver of 6 GE units be granted to Computer Science Majors, specifically a waiver for 3 units of lifelong learning (GE Category IV) and 3 units of world civilization (GE Category II.A). Previous to this recommendation, on September 23, 2005 the GE Committee met with Bill Haddad, Demetri Michalopoulos, and Raman Unnikrishnan to discuss the issue. The Committee discussed the issue further on October 6, 2005 and expressed its appreciation for Bill Haddad's points concerning the importance of general education and the liberal arts. The Committee remains open to exploring future opportunities to publicly discuss the important contributions of general education and liberal education. The proposed waiver was considered by the full Senate and passed.

5.2 At its meeting on November 18, 2005 the General Education Committee approved the following recommendation to the Academic Senate:

It is proposed that the exception to use POSC 300 for both IIB2 and IIIC2 that is already granted to students who have earned Advanced Placement credit for Government be extended to students who have completed an acceptable out-of-state American Government course that does not cover the California component required by EO 40404.

This proposal was considered by the full Senate and passed (ASD 05124).

5.3 At its meeting on February 3, 2006 the General Education Committee approved the following recommendation to the Academic Senate:

The General Education Committee recommends modifying the current GE rule state "Students are limited to 9-unit maximum from any one department" to the following: "Students are limited to either 9 units or 3 courses from a single department."

This proposal was considered by the full Senate and passed with a slight change in wording.

5.4 On March 17, 2006 the GE Committee met with Claire Palmerino, Associate Dean, H&SS; Angela Della Volpe, Associate Dean, H&SS; Jan Eyring, Chair, Modern Languages and Literatures; James Santucci, Chair, Comparative Religion; Jim Hofmann, Chair, Liberal Studies; Joe Sawicki, Chair, English and Comparative Literature; and faculty members of English and Comparative Literature to discuss **the impact upon GE of the Second Language Requirement** originally scheduled for implementation in Fall 2006. The feedback from all chairs with courses in GE III.B.2, including MLL, was positive and none offered any concerns about negative consequences if the proposal were adopted. Previous to this discussion, the Committee considered the issue on March 3.

On March 20, 2006 the Committee sent the following recommendation to the Academic Senate:

We propose that the following policy statement be included as part of the overall GE III.B.2 section in course schedules, web sites, etc.

"Intermediate level foreign language courses taken at CSUF from GE III.B.2 used to fulfill the university second language requirement may not be used to fulfill the GE lower division humanities requirement (III.B.2). However, students may still receive GE lower division humanities credit for language courses (including 203) that are not used to fulfill the university SLR."

We also propose putting a footnote in class schedules next to the "GE" designation on MLL 200-level classes that states: **"Course may not apply to both General Education requirements and the Second Language Graduation Requirement"** to reduce misunderstanding.

This proposal is still in the hands of the Senate Executive Committee, given the subsequent decision of the Senate to delay implementation and study the issue further.

5.5 At the request of the Academic Senate, the GE Committee reviewed UPS 411.200 and offered a substantially revised document to the Senate on May 8, 2006. The GE Committee also provided suggestions to the University Curriculum Committee on its proposed revisions of UPS 411.100. Also, GE member Tony Rimmer volunteered to represent the GE Committee on the ad hoc committee to revise UPS 320.101, 450.200, and 450.700.

6.0 Other Business. The GE Committee worked hard to engage in collegial dialogue regarding a variety of topics as outlined above. Additional business included:

6.1 The Department of Anthropology rescinded its request to move ANTH 101 Introduction to Biological Anthropology from GE Category III.A.3 to GE Category III.A.2.c. This matter was pending before the Academic Senate at the conclusion of spring 2005 (see Annual Report 2004-05).

6.2 Committee members were invited by the Academic Senate to respond to the Campus General Education Survey sent from Marshelle Thobaben, Chair, Academic Senate CSU.

7.0 Plans for 2006-07. The GE Committee plans to focus on:

- 1) continuing the review and recertification of existing GE courses;
- 2) review of GE New Course Proposals;
- 3) review of GE assessment, especially the results of the grants offered through the Office of Academic Programs;
- 4) consider other matters pertinent to the GE program; this may include member suggestions:
 - a) revising questions 6 and 7 of the 9 Review Questions for recertification to include an expectation that the Learning Goals will be tied to assessment (see minutes of October 21, 2005);
 - b) reflect upon the burgeoning GE offerings (see minutes of October 21, 2005);
 - c) collect all rules and policies pertinent to GE in one central, official repository;

5) conduct the Program Performance Review of GE scheduled for 2006-07.