

Annual Report: 2009-2010 General Education Committee

Submitted to:

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Submitted by

Larry Peterson, Chair

1. 2009-2010 General Education Committee Members:

Thomas Barnhart (HDE), Xiwen Cai (AFSNR), Darshi De Saram (AE), Robert Harrold (Assessment), Catherine Haugen (Student Affairs), RaNelle Ingalls (Registration and Records), Langston Johnson (students), Virginia Clark Johnson (Deans), Linda Langley (SM), Cory Loveless (students), Charlene Myhre (Library), Larry Peterson (VPAA), Charles Stevens (BUS), Gary Totten (AHSS), Kristi Wold-McCormick (Registrar). Mary Wright (PNAS). Suzan Wolter from the Dean's office in HDE served as recorder.

2. Meetings:

The Committee met nine times during 2009-10: July 16, October 23, November 13, December 4, January 15, February 12, March 12, April 9, and May 7.

3. Policy and Procedure Changes:

The Committee clarified the policy on course challenges to note that these are a special exception to General Education Policy #8 because they are graded only on a Pass or Fail basis.

The Committee gave the Registrar's Office permission to grant waivers to a cluster of students in Architecture and Landscape Architecture who are being disadvantaged by the withdrawal of BIOL 150, 150L, 151, and 151L from the list of approved General Education courses.

The Committee approved adding the following language to the student petition form: *"Note that anticipated semester of graduation is not a factor for consideration in the review process."*

4. Program Issues:

As requested by the North Dakota General Education Summit, the Committee discussed the Essential Learning Outcomes from the Association of American Colleges and Universities as a possible statewide general education framework.

The Committee met with members of the English Department about how to get feedback from departments and colleges on the Upper Division Writing courses.

5. Student Petitions:

The Committee received 65 petitions from students for substitutions, waivers or exemptions. It granted 46 and denied 19. The Office of Registration and Records granted administrative approval to twenty-three additional appeals.

6. Course Reviews:

The Committee began the fall semester with twenty courses still in the process of being reviewed from previous years and four courses overdue from previous years and

not received. Departments withdrew five courses from the General Education list. The Committee received two additional submissions for new courses and two of the four year reviews that were overdue. The Committee completed action on five new courses and nine existing courses in 2009-2010. The Committee ended the year with eleven courses still in the process of being reviewed, nine of which had been returned for additional information. Two courses still had no reviews submitted for them.

Approved for New General Education with Outcomes (5)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Proposed Outcomes	Date of Senate Approval
BIOL 126L /ZOO 126L	S(n)	Human Biology Lab	2, 5	02/08/10
HNES 355	B, D	International Health	2, 3	05/10/10
HON 340	A	Colloquium in the Humanities	1, 6	12/14/09
HON 341	B	Colloquium in the Social Sciences	1, 6	12/14/09
HON 342	S	Colloquium in the Sciences	1, 6	12/14/09

Courses with Successful Five-Year Reviews, Approved by Senate for General Education with No Changes (6)

Course No.	Categories	Course Title	Recommended Outcomes	Date of Senate Approval
BIOL 126 /ZOO 126	S(n)	Human Biology	2, 5	12/14/09
CDFS 242	W	Couples, Marriages, and Families	4, 6	12/14/09
CDFS 475	B, D	Children and Families Across Cultures	3, 6	05/10/10
HIST 431	A, D	The North American Plains	3, 6	04/12/10
PLSC 210	S(n)	Horticultural Sciences	5, 6	12/14/09
PSYC 270	B	Abnormal Psychology	4, 5	02/08/10

Courses with Successful Five-Year Reviews, Approved by Senate for General Education with Changes in Outcomes (3)

Course No.	Categories	Course Title	Previous Outcomes	Recommended Outcomes	Date of Senate Approval
ADFH 411	A, D	Food and World Cultures	1, 2, 3	3, 6	12/14/09
THRT 115	A, D	World Film	3, 4, 6	3, 4	02/08/10
WS 110	A, D	Introduction to Women's Studies	1, 6	3, 6	04/12/10

Course Withdrawn from General Education List of Approved Courses—at Department's Request (5)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Current Outcomes	Senate Action
BIOL 150	S(n)	General Biology I	5, 6	04/12/10
BIOL 150L	S(n)	General Biology I Laboratory	5, 6	04/12/10
BIOL 151	S(n)	General Biology II	5, 6	12/14/09
BIOL 151L	S(n)	General Biology II Laboratory	5, 6	12/14/09
MUSC 201	A, D	World Music	6, 7	12/14/09

Five-Year Reviews Received in Academic Year 2006-07 and Returned to Department for Revision (2)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Current Outcomes	Last Approved
COMM 112	B	Understanding Media and Social Change	1, 3, 6	Spring 02
HPER 100	W	Concepts of Fitness & Wellness	2, 7	Spring 02

Five-Year Reviews Received in Academic Year 2007-08 and Returned to Department for Revision (4)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Current Outcomes	Last Approved
CDFS 230	B	Life Span Development	3, 6	Spring 03
CSCI 122	R	Beginning BASIC/Visual BASIC	1, 5	Spring 02
PSYC 210	B	Human Sexuality	2, 4, 5, 7	Spring 02
PSYC 211	B	Introduction to Behavior Modification	2, 4, 6	Spring 02

Five-Year Review Received in Academic Year 2008-09 and Returned to Department for Revision (1)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Current Outcomes	Last Approved
GEOG 161	B, G	World Regional Geography	1, 2, 3, 5	Spring 04

New Course Received in Academic Year 2008-09 and in Process of Review (1)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Proposed Outcomes
HNES 250	S(p)	Nutrition Science (category change)	2, 5, 6

New Course Received in Academic Year 2008-09 and in Process of Review (1)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Proposed Outcomes
HIST 430	A	Prairie Earth, Prairie Home: A Field School	6, 7

New Course Received in Academic Year 2009-10 and Returned to Department for Revision (1)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Proposed Outcomes
EMGT 101	B	Emergencies, Disasters, Catastrophes	3, 6

Five-Year Review Received in Academic Year 2009-10 and Returned to Department for Revision (1)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Current Outcomes	Last Approved
POLS 120	B, G	Terrorism	3, 6	Spring 03

Five-Year Review Not Received from 2005-06 (1)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Current Outcomes	Last Approved
CHEM 121	S(p)	General Chemistry I	1, 2, 5	Fall 99

Five Year Review Due December 2008 and Not Received (1)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Current Outcomes	Last Approved
Csci 159	R	Computer Science Program Solving	5, 6, 7	Fall 04

7. Conferences and Professional Development:

Larry Peterson attended the Association for General and Liberal Studies (AGLS) National Conference, "Building Bridges: Tools for Pedagogy, Assessment, and Leadership" from October 1-3, 2009 in St. Louis, Missouri and was chosen as the President-elect of the Council for Administration of General and Liberal Studies.

Larry Peterson participated in two presentations at the Association of American Colleges and Universities Conference, "General Education and Assessment: Maintaining Momentum, Achieving New Priorities," in Seattle from February 18-20, 2010. They were: "System-wide General Education: Moving from Campus Reform to State-wide Collaboration Statewide GE Collaboration: Campuses Working Together" and "Administrative Strategies for General Education Administrators, Council for Administration of General and Liberal Studies Workshop."

Char Myhre attended the 29th Annual Conference on the First-Year Experience in Denver, Colorado, February 12-16, 2010. There were major presentations by both George D. Kuh, founder of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE) and John N. Gardner, founder of the First-Year Experience Conference.

Char Myhre and Larry Peterson represented NDSU at the second North Dakota General Education Summit at MiSU on September 18, 2009. Kevin Brooks (English) and Larry Peterson represented NDSU as the third North Dakota General Education Summit at NDSCS on Friday, April 23, 2010. Larry Peterson served on the Interim Executive Committee of the North Dakota General Education Council.