

Annual Report: 2010-2011 General Education Committee

Submitted to:

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1. 2010-2011 General Education Committee Members:

Thomas Barnhart (HDE), Xiwen Cai (AFSNR), Darshi De Saram (AE), Thomas Dowdell, Jr. (BUS), Robert Harrold (Assessment), Catherine Haugen (Student Affairs), RaNelle Ingalls (Registration and Records), Virginia Clark Johnson (Deans), Linda Langley (SM), Cory Loveless (students), Charlene Myhre (Library), Larry Peterson (VPAA), 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 six times during 2010-11: September 10, October 15, November 5, January 24, February 28, and March 28.

3. Policy and Procedure Changes:

The Committee gave the Registrar's Office permission to grant waivers to sophomores, juniors and seniors who have been disadvantaged by the withdrawal of BIOL 150, 150L, 151, and 151L from the list of approved General Education courses. Those courses are still listed on some curriculum guides as a General Education courses.

In order to select NDSU representatives to the North Dakota General Education Council, the Committee approved adding the following to its responsibilities under the Faculty Senate Bylaws: "Selecting two representatives and one alternate for the North Dakota General Education Council." The Committee's procedure will be that "the General Education Committee chair will serve as one representative. Committee members will select the other representative and the alternate from current members of the committee and members who have recently served on the committee."

4. Program Issues:

The Committee endorsed the North Dakota General Education Council Constitution and recommended its approval by the Faculty Senate.

5. Student Petitions:

The Committee received forty-nine petitions from students for substitutions, waivers or exemptions. It granted thirty-three and denied sixteen. The Office of Registration and Records granted administrative approval to thirty-one additional appeals and denied one.

6. Course Reviews:

The Committee began the fall semester with thirteen courses still in the process of being reviewed from previous years and one course overdue from previous years and not received. The Committee received four submissions for new courses and the one

review that was overdue. The Committee completed action on four new courses and nine existing courses in 2010-2011. The Committee ended the year with four courses still in the process of being reviewed, three of which have been returned for additional information.

New General Education Courses Approved by the Senate (4)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Proposed Outcomes	Date of Senate Approval
UNIV 150	S	Foundations of Science	5, 6	12/13/10
WGS 112	A, D	Introduction to Masculinities	3, 6	12/13/10
PHIL 111	A	Professional Responsibility and Ethics	3, 6	03/21/11
INTL 110	B, G	Introduction to International Studies	3, 6	05/02/11

Courses with Successful Five-Year Reviews and No Changes Approved by Senate (3)

Course No.	Categories	Course Title	Recommended Outcomes	Date of Senate Approval
CDFS 230	B	Lifespan Development	3, 6	12/13/10
COMM 112	B	Understanding Media and Social Change	3, 6	03/21/11
CSCI 159	R	Computer Science Program Solving	2, 5, 6	03/21/11

Courses with Successful Five-Year Reviews and Changes in Outcomes Approved by Senate (5)

Course No.	Categories	Course Title	Previous Outcomes	Recommended Outcomes	Date of Senate Approval
CHEM 121	S(p)	General Chemistry I	1, 2, 5	5, 6	12/13/10
CSCI 122	R	Beginning BASIC/Visual BASIC	1, 5	2, 5, 6	12/13/10
GEOG 161	B, G	World Regional Geography	1, 2, 3, 5	3, 6	12/13/10
PSYC 210	B	Human Sexuality	2, 4, 5, 7	4, 5	12/13/10
PSYC 211	B	Introduction to Behavior Modification	2, 4, 6	4, 6	12/13/10

Course with Successful Five-Year Reviews and Changes in Outcomes and Category, Approved by Senate (1)

Course No.	Previous Category	New Category	Course Title	Previous Outcomes	Recommended Outcomes	Date of Senate Approval
HNES 250	W	S (p)	Nutrition Science	2, 5, 6	5, 6	03/21/11

New Course Received in Academic Year 2008-09 and Denied General Education Certification (1)

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

Five-Year Review Received in Academic Year 2006-07 and Still Being Reviewed After Revisions (1)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Current Outcomes	Last Approved
HNES 100	W	Concepts of Fitness & Wellness	2, 7	Spring 02

New Course Received in Academic Year 2009-10 and Returned to Department for Revision in 2010 and not resubmitted (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

New Course Received in Academic Year 2010-11 and Returned to Department for Revision (1)

Course No.	Category	Course Title	Proposed Outcomes
PHIL 257	R	Traditional Logic	2,3, 5, 6

7. Conferences and Professional Development:

Bob Harrold, RaNelle Ingalls, Larry Peterson, and Kristi Wold-McCormick attended the fourth North Dakota General Education Summit in Bismarck on September 17, 2011.

Larry Peterson attended the Association for General and Liberal Studies (AGLS) Annual Conference, "Meeting Current Challenges to Create Future Opportunities: AGLS at 50" from October 7-9, 2010, in Austin, Texas where he co-led a workshop on administering general education programs and co-presented a session on North Dakota's statewide general education efforts. As President of the Council for Administration of General and Liberal Studies, he serves on the Executive Board of AGLS.

As a member of a four person North Dakota team, Larry Peterson attended the Association of American Colleges and Universities "LEAP States Summit: Advancing Systemic Change in States and State Systems" on March 2-3, 2011.

As part of a larger NDSU team, Char Myhre and Larry Peterson attended the Association of American Colleges and Universities Network for Academic Renewal Conference, "General Education and Assessment 3.0: Next-Level Practices Now," from March 3-5, 2011, in Chicago, Illinois. Larry also co-presented a session on North Dakota's statewide general education initiative.

Bob Harrold, Kate Haugen, RaNelle Ingalls, Virginia Clark Johnson, Larry Peterson, and Char Myhre organized and attended the fifth North Dakota General Education Summit in Fargo on April 29, 2011. Kristi Wold-McCormick and Mary Wright were also able to attend the Summit.