

Annual Report: 2013-14 General Education Committee

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1. 2013-14 General Education Committee Members:

Cole Davidson (Registrar), Thomas Dowdell Jr. (BUS), Connie Eggers (Professional Advisors), Michael Ewen (student), Robert Gordon (SM), Marion Harris (AFSNR), Michael Paolini (student), Larry Peterson (Assessment), Craig Schnell (PNAS), Dale Sullivan (AHSS), Amy Rupiper Taggart (GE Director), Beth Twomey (Library), Justin Wageman (HDE), and David Wells (Engineering)

2. Meetings:

The Committee met nine times during 2013-14: August 30, September 27, October 25, November 15, December 13, January 17, February 7, March 28, and May 9.

2. Activities:

The Committee

- Invited the Professional Advisors to nominate a liaison on a trial basis. They chose Connie Eggers.
- Welcomed Amy Rupiper Taggart as the new GE Director and chair of the Committee.
- Will no longer approve BIOL 150/150L as a GE substitution, when students claim that it was previously a GE course and they have been misadvised or were not aware that it was no longer a GE course. The department removed it from the GE list in 2010.
- Granted a blanket GE substitution Cultural Diversity and Global Perspectives request for the Sanford Nursing students who are entering the NDSU program in fall 2014.
- Established April 15th and November 15th as cutoff dates for appeal submissions
- Designed a pilot GE assessment project evaluating student use and evaluation of sources in capstone courses taught in spring 2014. The Committee will evaluate the sample assignments in fall 2014.

5. Student Petitions:

The Committee acted on fifty-one petitions from students for substitutions, waivers or exemptions. It granted thirty-four and denied seventeen. The Office of Registration and Records granted administrative approval to an additional twenty-eight cultural diversity appeals.

6. Course Reviews:

The Committee recommended the Faculty Senate approve a new course, a reactivation, at its October 14 meeting and recommended the addition of the G category to an existing course for the Senate's November 18 meeting.