

University General Education Committee
Meeting of April 16, 2004

Present: Candace Cherrington (CONH), Valerie Doll (CEHS), Jeanne Fraker (UVC), Lillie Howard (Provost), Daniel Ketcha (CoSM), Joe Law (WAC), Evan Osborne (RSCoB), David Reynolds (CECS), Henry Limouze (CoLA, Chair)

1. Minutes from March 4 were approved.
2. The committee considered the proposal for SM 205, which addressed only the WI status of the course. The question was raised whether the course had been approved by GEIC earlier. It appears it had not been. In that case, CoSM will need to submit a full GE Course Proposal. Action was tabled pending submission of a full course proposal.
3. The committee accepted the proposals from CoLA to withdraw SW 272 from GE Area 2 (it will remain a course in Area 6) and to withdraw SOC 205 from GE Areas 3 and 6. These will be forwarded to UCAPC.
4. The committee considered the assessment proposal for Area 4—Human Expression received from Joe Law and Randall Paul and tabled at the last meeting. The committee will send recommendations for improvements to Dr. Law and Dr. Paul. The discussion included consideration of a structure for conducting assessment that the committee may adopt for all areas.
5. The committee considered the assessment proposal for Area 5—Natural Sciences received from Tim Wood. The committee will send recommendations for improvements to Dr. Wood.
6. The committee postponed action on the revised plan for Area 1—Writing received from Richard Bullock. This plan will be considered at the next UGEC meeting.
7. The committee heard a report from Dr. Ed Rutter on the situation of MTH 145 and other GE Math courses relative to the Ohio Transfer Module. The solution adopted by Vice President Howard, Dean Wheatly, and the Department of Mathematics and Statistics will be to withdraw MTH 145 and 143 and STT 264 from consideration for the transfer module. Currently MTH 228 and 230 and STT 265 are approved for this purpose. Dr. Rutter is confident that with some revision STT 160 would also receive approval. The committee discussed the need to revise the presentation of GE courses in each area. The current system, which lists a "standard" GE course and places "substitutions" for that course in footnotes, no longer reflects the reality of the GE program structure. However, the committee will maintain that format for the time being, while it solicits and evaluates assessment plans from area lead faculty which have been based on the older assumptions. Over time, a more flexible listing of course alternatives within each area of GE will replace the current approach.
8. The committee discussed further the question of GE staffing. It will consider a draft recommendation on staffing issues at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 P.M.