

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
2007-2008

Minutes of Meeting: 11/14/07, 3:00 p.m. in JB 284

**Members Present:** Allen Butt (Chair)—SBS; Milton Clark—Admin.; Susan Finsen—A&L; Stephen Kinzey—NS; C.E. Tapie Rohm, Jr.—BPA;

**Absent:** Sue Spitzer—ED; ASI (Student Representative).

**Administrative Assistant:** Sharon Cady

**Old Business:**

1. Election of Chair

Because Steve's tenure as Chair has ended, it was necessary for the election of a new Chair. Tapie Rohm nominated Allen Butt.

**M/S/P** It was moved by Tapie Rohm and seconded by Steve Kinzey and passed unanimously that Allen Butt be elected as Chair of the GE Committee.

2. Other:

Tapie indicated that EO 595 GE Program structure is being changed at the State level so each campus will have more control over their own programs, giving the GE Committees more flexibility in making decisions for their own campus. He said he wants to make sure that our program reflects technology for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century as was discussed last year.

**New Business:**

1. Change in General Education Program

Susan Finsen presented the P-Form for discussion and stated she has agreed to direct the University Honors program and is presenting the following change to the program. The problem is that most students interested in our Honors program do not take it when they find out about the English composition requirement because many students have already completed an English composition course outside of the Honors program. The program currently has only 35-40 students; and she believes if we start by changing the first-year requirements it may attract more students. Her goal is to expand the entire program to four years and obtain funding for the various speakers, colloquia and other curricula that will appeal to honor students.

She indicated she would also like to offer more creative senior level capstone courses for Honors credit. Each of the four years, ultimately, would have a different theme or focus that will change with the needs of the students.

In order to make this change a C-Form was submitted showing the justification to change the current HON 103 course by making a Prerequisite Change in the GE Category. Currently the Honors Program

meets the GE requirements for basic skills in A1 composition, A4 critical thinking, and A2 communication.

The proposed change will replace Written Communication in the Honors program with the GE Philosophy course. The GE requirements fulfilled would be A4 Critical Thinking, C4 Philosophy and A2 Oral Communication. Students would still need to take all three courses in order to get Honors credit for any of these courses.

There was a brief discussion of the justification and the support of the committee for her leadership in this effort.

**M/S/P** It was moved by Tapie Rohm and seconded by Steve Kinzey and passed unanimously to support the proposed P-Form for changes in the GE Program as submitted.

**M/S/P** It was moved by Tapie Rohm and seconded by Steve Kinzey and passed unanimously to approve the C-Form with the proposed changes as submitted to HON 103.

## 2. Other New Business:

Allen asked if everyone can meet again on November 28<sup>th</sup> and come prepared with a Wish List of items for the Committee to discuss this year.

Susan suggested that we invite someone like Jerry Pritchard, who has been on campus for years and has knowledge of the campus procedures, etc. to come and talk to us. Tapie said he would like to have Milton Clark give us his philosophy on what he would like to see in GE and then ask Dr. Pritchard come to give us his recommendations.

Allen said he knows there are things that just seem to keep coming back each year such as the chronic issue of 306 as a GE requirement and/or a graduation requirement. He would like to see if any of the committee feels we need to revisit any of these issues and if so, which ones, how critical, etc.

NOTE: Please bring your calendars so we can determine Winter Quarter time slots.

It was also suggested that we continue to make sure the minutes are approved and sent to the appropriate person to publish them on the website.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 3:00 pm in JB-280.