

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 24, 2008
Old Main 128**

Members Present: Allen Bertsche, Kristin Douglas, Anne Earel, Randall Hall, Mary Koski, Emil Kramer, Nancy Loitz, Mariano Magalhães, Joe McDowell, Rowen Schussheim-Anderson, Steve Warren, Fred Whiteside

Guests Present: Jeff Coussens

The meeting came to order at 4:30 PM.

I MINUTES

We forgot to approve the minutes.

II NEW BUSINESS

A. LSFY 102 Conversions from LS 111

Nancy congratulated Jeff Coussens on the superb job he did in getting an almost 100% submission rate for the LS conversions.

The new conversions are primarily addressing the overarching question. The committee was reminded that these submissions may be in draft form. Jeff Coussens will continue to work with the faculty to implement uniform language that addresses the overarching question and academic integrity/honesty so that all have common language. Also discussed was the issue of requiring 8-10 pages of written material. Some instructors are requiring an 8-10 page final paper while others are requiring multiple papers of shorter length, adding up to the 8-10 requirement. Members of the committee concluded that either approach is okay as long as the requirement that the writing go through multiple drafts.

Motion-Kramer, Second-Douglas APPROVED

“To approve LSFY 102 Conversions from LS 111 for the following:

- 1. From Myth to Music (Hall)**
- 2. From Ruins to Runes (Kaul)**
- 3. From Love to Justice (Kramer)**
- 4. From Icons to Koans (Melaas-Swanson)”**

Not approved due to missing syllabus was:

From Manic to Manicured (Kalas)

B. LSFY 102 Conversions from LS 112

Motion-McDowell, Second-Kramer APPROVED

“To approve LSFY 102 Conversions from LS 112 for the following:

- 1. From Poverty to Prosperity (Bengtson)**
- 2. From the Enlightenment to the French Revolution (Ellis)**
- 3. From Leonardo da Vinci to Andy Warhol (Goebel)**

- 4. From Blind Faith to Reasoned Believe (Jesson)**
- 5. From Religion to Reason (Seidlitz)**
- 6. From Papyrus to Pixels (Snowball)”**

Not approved due to missing syllabus and/or proposal:

From Achilles to Aristotle (Bonzon)

From Shakespeare to Virginia Wolf (Youngberg)

C. New Course Requests – LSFY 102

Bertsche has difficulty accepting #s 3 and 11, especially 11. His main concern is in figuring out how “from” one book by an author “to” another book from the same author can achieve the range expressed in most of the other courses. Ultimately he is convinced that it works—or at least is mollified that it is not as narrow as it first appears.

Motion-Bertsche Second-Schussheim-Anderson APPROVED

“To approve the following new course requests for LSFY 102 as presented:

- 1. From Satyr to Spamalot (Coussens)**
- 2. From Homer to Hawkes (Day)**
- 3. From Bach to Rock (Elfline)**
- 4. From Aristotle to Newton (Hill)**
- 5. From Alexander to Alexandria (Hooker)**
- 6. From Sound to Fury (Irelan)**
- 7. From Cave to Cape (Lewis)**
- 8. From Sweden to America (Lindgren)**
- 9. From Tradition to Subversion (Malech)**
- 10. From Sacred to Sordid (Rosenberg)**
- 11. From Valinor to Middle-earth (Scott)**
- 12. From Hades to Hell (Skrainka)**
- 13. From Rumi to Dante (Zargar)”**

Meanwhile, Anne Earel left the meeting at 5:28. This is probably because Kramer was droning on about the history of finding commonality in LS102 and the difficulty thereof. Enlightenment Emil, we must now call him.

D. Learning Community Approval Request

After much speculation and re-reading the documents we finally decided that the LC proposal in item D will take the shape of a winter term 5-5 model. Warren wonders where the community is in this Learning Community since it differs so much from the LC as we have defined them before (team taught on-campus linked courses). The committee as a whole agreed that the critical piece of community happens among the students, and not necessarily the instructors, and that the students engage with each other MORE on foreign terms than on campus terms.

These and other questions will continue to be discussed at the LC workshop of the 4th. McDowell and Kramer asked to be added to the list of attendees.

Motion-Bertsche Second-Kramer APPROVED

“To approve Learning Community Request for Intercultural Communication and Experiential Education: Focus on Australia – SPCM 330 (Intercultural Communication) and BUSN-INTR-AKP (International Internship Seminar: Australia) as presented.”

Nancy adjourns by fiat at 5:48. She throws no food on the floor and we all leave. Kinda. Many of us stay in the stairway discussing the presidential campaign and McCain’s silly “suspend my campaign” stunt.

Zoe was bored.

Partially submitted,

Joe McDowell

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski