

## GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, October 14, 2009

5:00 PM

Olin 304

*Members present: Fred (Demons Kill) Whiteside, Margaret Farrar, Anne Madura, Randall Hall, Dan Lee, Kristin Douglas, Tom Bengtson, Joe McDowell, Virginia Johnson, Josh Morgan, Karin Youngberg*

### AGENDA

*On the way into the building Fred and Joe passed a dining services gentlemen leaving the building. Imagine the disappointment, then, when on entering the room for the meeting they saw no food. Meeting began at 5:01.*

#### I. MINUTES

A. Approval of October 7, 2009 meeting minutes *Barely moved for approval by Anne Earel, seconded by Josh Morgan: passed.*

B. Approval of September 30, 2009 meeting minutes *Moved by Virginia, seconded by Dan: passed. Hemingway shows up, knocks me out with just the pinkie of his left hand, takes my pen and writes the world's shortest story:*

*Baby shoes.*

*For Sale.*

*Never Used.*

#### II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Evergreen II proposal *See attachment for the significant editing that Anne (and the rest of us) did to this document. In addition, we were given dates for upcoming faculty for a: October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 as part of the Friday Conversations. October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 in Olin, a scheduled Forum. We hope to go to Senate with this document on November 19<sup>th</sup>. All of this came on bright orange paper, so that I have become both depressed and homicidal while transferring it to this document.*

*At various points in this discussion many people developed a disliking for the word "phenomenon," though for different reasons. At one point Dan spoke, Joe agreed, Jesus wept.*

*Kristin, showing her growing leadership skills, told Joe at some point to shut up.*

B. G clarification *Surprise! No work on the G suffix . . . again!*

#### III. NEW BUSINESS

*Anne stayed til 5:40 today because we need her superior editing skills.*

*At 5:42 Kristin yelled at Dan Lee. Truly another growth moment.*

##### A. Suffix approvals

1. EG 239 (B): A Medley of Voices: South Asian Women Writers (Al-wazedi)-G suffix *Moved by Joe and seconded by Josh. Motion approved, but with the suggestion that Umme edit the title by taking out those words before the colon. Yes, GenEd is now editing titles.*
2. WLIT 235: History and Technique of Film (Keessen)-D suffix *Fred moved for approval and, after a delay, Dan seconded so that discussion could begin. The questions about this proposal came down to two: is it a PL? The committee agreed that that is not on the table because it's already an approved course with a PL. Is it a D? There's a difference between showing movies about minorities (especially from a majority perspective) and knowledge and training in diversity issues. This seems to be the sticking point regarding this proposal. Discussion will be continued in the next meeting.*

B. Update from Academic Affairs *See reference to orange sheet above. The other item on that document was the announcement of a Friday conversation, November 20<sup>th</sup>, to discuss the Augie Reads issue.*

IV. ADJOURNMENT *Dan and Tom left at 6:00 and the rest of us at 6:05. Kristin was applauded for her hard work.*

*Omphalically submitted, Joe McDowell*