

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
AMENDED MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2008
Old Main 128**

Members Present: Allen Bertsche, Kristin Douglas, Anne Earel, S.A. Fenwick, Randall Hall, Virginia Johnson, Mary Koski, Emil Kramer, Nancy Loitz, Mariano Magalhães, Joe McDowell, Aaron Schroeder, Steve Warren, Fred Whiteside

The meeting came to order at 4:30 PM.

I MINUTES

Motion-Schussheim-Anderson, **Second**- Fenwick **APPROVED**
“To approve the minutes of the October 8, 2008 General Education Committee meeting as presented.”

II NEW BUSINESS

A. Learning Perspectives Proposals

1. MJMC 213 – News Literacy for a PH

A motion was made by Virginia and Seconded by Kristen to open this item up for discussion. The committee as a whole felt that the PH learning perspective was inappropriate for this course; that PH is meant to accompany bigger questions about human condition, which this course did not. After examining both the PH and PS definitions, they felt that it was more appropriate to give the course a PS. The committee would like Nancy to invite Ellen Hay to the next Gen Ed meeting to explain her rationale for giving this course a PH, or ask her if she’ll accept Gen Ed’s recommendation that she resubmit the course as a PS. It was also recommended that she expand upon her response to question #4 on the LP approval form, particularly in terms of details in the syllabus. This proposal did not pass.

2. SPCM 322/MJMC 322–Communication Theory III: Media and Social Influence for a PS

Motion-Douglas, **Second**-Whiteside **APPROVED**
“To approve SPCM 322/MJMC 322 – Communication Theory III: Media and Social Influence for a PS as presented.”

III. OLD BUSINESS

Update on Honors as a Learning Community

Nancy reported that EPC briefly discussed this topic and concern was expressed about pulling more students out of the general education experience. On the other hand, some members of the Academic Affairs Council seem to be supportive of the idea. The faculty forum addressing this and other General Education topics will be on November 22nd.

Aaron Schroeder offered a rationale for not making the Honors capstone project a requirement of the Honors-Learning Community proposal, which he feels strongly about. Students who do complete their two learning communities usually are double dipping to complete their requirements. In that sense, the honors students would not be getting that opportunity, and would still have to go out and get another LP or suffix. The committee felt this was a reasonable argument and Joe McDowell would like to have the opportunity to attend the next EPC Meeting to support the proposal. It was brought up that it would be unfortunate if the students who choose the option of going through Honors for their learning community experience, never took a learning community at Augustana. Most everyone felt that this rarely be the case. Also noted once again was the undesirable separation from the general education experience that these students would experience. Jon Clauss and Heidi Storl have both approved this proposal. Joe McDowell will soon meet with SIDC to discuss the Honors capstone and SI to see if they can be combined together as one.

Motion-McDowell, Second-Magalhães APPROVED

“To recommend that the completion of the Honors Program through the 200-level course, HONR 220, be counted as a Learning Community.”

LSFY Trailers

Nancy reviewed the proposal that LSFY 101 be a prerequisite for LSFY 102 and LSFY 102 be a prerequisite for LSFY 103, which would mean that several trailer sections each term be offered to catch those students who fail or transfer in. If a freshman starts in spring term, they would start LSFY in the fall, lagging behind one term. This cannot be implemented this academic year; however, those students who do fail LSFY 101 in the fall this year, will be contacted to suggest that they take the trailer 101, which will only benefit them down the road.

Motion-Magalhães, Second-McDowell APPROVED

“To recommend LSFY 101 as a prerequisite for LSFY 102; LSFY 102 as a prerequisite for LSFY 103, and that trailer courses be provided each term.”

This will be on the agenda of the faculty forum November 20th along with the other items.

G – D Suffixes

Joe, Mariano and Anne presented a new G-D definition proposal, but have not consulted yet with Adam Kaul, Carrie Hough and Chris Whitt. The committee made suggestions for refining the document. Joe will make these changes and pass it by Adam, Carrie and Chris, and present a document to vote on hopefully at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:13 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Koski