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Members Present: A. Lawson (Chair), B. Benedict,
J. Charalambides, M. Miller, D. Nef,
M. Valencia, M. Fisher.

Members Absent: R. Arenas, V. Leon (student),
C. Toepfert (student).

Visitor(s): P. Ogden.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lawson at 11:10 a.m. in University Center, room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 12/18/2006.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as amended, with item 5 (CDDS 90 - Deaf American Literature – Area C2) moved ahead of item #4 (AAIS 90 - Africana & American Indian Religion – Area C2), for the convenience of our visitor.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Dennis Nef emailed update to data for General Education (GE). This information will be useful as we begin the process of program review.

D. Nef, A. Lawson and J. Charalambides will attend an Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U) meeting in Miami, March 1-3 on GE and assessment.

4. Deaf American Literature – Area C2 - (CDDS 90).

Discussion of the proposal revolved around which area of GE would be most appropriate for this course. Since the course does not foster skills in listening, speaking, reading and writing a language other than English, some felt it may be more suited to area C1. It was decided that C2 would be appropriate if the course used the deaf literature to reflect critically and systematically on questions concerning beliefs, values and the nature of existence.

MSC to return the proposal to the department to have the proposal redone to clarify how the course fits the specifications for areas C2 (#2).

5. Africana & American Indian Religion – Area C2- (AAIS 90).

Committee members agreed with many of the points raised in the consultation from the College of Arts and Humanities. The course appears to survey American Indian Religions; however the requirement to “reflect critically and systematically” was not apparent in the syllabus.

MSC to reject the proposal as it is not clear that the course meets the requirements for area C2.

6. General Education Program Review.

The subcommittee for program review will get together March 9.

MSC to adjourn 11:47 a.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the General Education Committee will be Friday, March 16th, 2007 at 11:00 a.m. in the University Center # 203. M.Miller is excused.