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Members Present: A. Lawson (Chair), R. Badruddoja, M. Calvarese,
S. Lee, S. Lewis D. Nef, S. Adisasmito-Smith,
J. Tatsumura.

Members Absent: D. Christensen (excused), B. Berrett,

The meeting was called to order by Chair A. Lawson at 11:05 p.m. in
Library Rm. 4164.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 9/17/10.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

There were none.

4. GE Courses:

- a.) CLAS 115, Mexico-U.S. Relations since 1910.

MSC to return to department for revision:
Proposal should address the following:

- course description should include catalog copy
- iterative writing needs to be explicit
- GE pre-requisites to be stated
- methodologies of the social sciences need to be explicit
- syllabus should include number of units
- goals and outcomes missing on typical syllabus and GE learning outcomes must be added
- clarify that other readings will be provided (not to be purchased)
- honor code and copyright statement are missing.

- b.) RA 130, International Tourism – postponed to Oct 15

c.) Latin 1AH, Honors Elementary Latin

MSC to conditionally approve provided that:

- GE outcomes are added to the typical syllabus
- Clarify iterative component for those papers getting an A
- Clarify that texts are required

5. Syllabi Review of Area IB – postponed to Oct 15 meeting.
6. GE Outcomes Assessment.

The committee discussed the strengths of the current model for assessing GE learning outcomes as well as the limitations, particularly the resources required to assess outcomes on a meaningful time scale.

MSC to adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the General Education Committee will be Friday, October 15, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., in the Library Rm. # 4164.

Agenda

1. Approval of the Minutes of 10/1/2010.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. GE Course Proposals.
 - a. RA 130
 - b. ARAB 1A
 - c. ARAB 1B
 - d. PERS 1A
 - e. PERS 1B
 - f. PAX 110
5. Area IB Syllabi Review.
 - a. ANTH 161 Bio/Behavioral Evolution of the Human Species
 - b. GEOG 115 Violent Weather/Climatic Hazards
 - c. GEOG 128 Environmental Pollution
 - d. EES 112 Planet Earth Through Time
 - e. EES 167 Oceans, Atmosphere, and Climate Change
 - f. EES 168 California's Earth System
 - g. PH 161 Environment and Human
 - h. NSCI 115 Environmental Earth and Life Science
6. Revision to GE Program Description.
7. GE Outcomes Assessment.