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Members Present: A. Lawson (Chair), D. Nef, J. Charalambides,
S. Lewis.

Members Absent: B. Benedict (excused), M. Miller (excused).

Visitors: M. Valencia.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lawson at 11:08 a.m. in
University Center, room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 9/7/2007.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.

Memo from Child Family Consumer Sciences regarding counting
Liberal Studies General Education (GE) Package for the pre-
credential option was announced and will be on agenda for next
meeting.

4. Interdisciplinary Art Studies (IAS) 108.
 - The GE program description states “at least half of the minimum writing requirement consists of sustained multi-paragraph assignments”. The committee feels that four 500 word papers do not meet this requirement and suggests the syllabus be revised to reflect this requirement.
 - The committee also suggests that a reading list or bibliography may be useful for the student, but is not required.

MSC to approve with recommended changes.

5. English 44.

- An iterative component to the writing assignment must be reflected in syllabus.
- The University Honor Code should be included or referenced under University Policy.
- GE Learning Outcomes should reflect outcomes language: eg. “develop an awareness and understanding” to be replaced with outcomes verbs.

MSC to approve with recommended changes.

6. Learning Outcomes Sessions.

Each member gave a brief summary of the learning outcomes sessions which they facilitated. Some sessions were quite successful with new goals and outcomes articulated, while other sessions were less productive with faculty generally suspicious of outcomes assessment activities.

7. Program Review.

The program review document is due at the end of the month and members will all participate in further development of the review document. The GE committee will meet two more time in October focusing only on program review.

MSC to adjourn 1:45 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the General Education Committee will be Friday, Oct 12, 2007, at 11:00 a.m., in the University Center # 203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of Minutes of 10/5/07.
2. Approval of Agenda.
3. Communication and Announcements.
4. Child, Family & Consumer Science Memo.
5. Program Review.