

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
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Members Present: A. Lawson (Chair), B. Berrett D. Christensen,
S. Lewis, K. Miller, D. Nef, A. Yamane.

Members Absent: D. Henriques (excused),
S Adisasmito-Smith (excused).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lawson at 11:07 a.m. in
University Center, room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 10/03/08.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - Welcome and introductions of new members Akiko Yamane and Bryan Berrett.
 - Memo regarding elimination of A3 coordinating subcommittee was sent to the Executive Committee Chair, Michael Botwin.
 - D. Nef has organized a group to discuss creation of a new first year experience.
 - IC syllabi revisions are now being submitted. The committee will review as they come in.
 - Program review response was sent to D. Nef's office.
 - D. Nef's response to program review was distributed to committee members.
4. Area ID Syllabi Review.

Area ID syllabi were assigned to committee members and reviews will be discussed at the next meeting.
5. Communication Plan: (Improving Communication)
 - A discussion of ways to improve communication regarding General Education (GE) policies and the value of GE included:
 - i. Video clips regarding GE vision.
 - ii. Meetings with area faculty.

- iii. Center for Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (CETL) workshops –on things like iterative writing etc.
 - iv. Require faculty teaching in GE to attend GE orientation workshop (in days before semester begins).
 - v. Require a course coordinator if there are more than two faculty teaching a course.
 - vi. Establishment of a GE listserv.
 - vii. Communicating through senate (via memos).
- Student nominated GE educator of the year (reviewed by GE committee) to raise visibility of GE.

MSC to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the General Education Committee will be October 31, 2008 at 11:00 a.m. in the University Center #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 10/17/2008.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Area ID syllabi review.
5. Area IC syllabi revisions.