

**General Education Committee
Meeting Minutes**

2/7/13

I. Call to order

Mark Ford called to order the regular meeting of the **General Education Committee** at **2:06pm** on **02/07/2013** in **Business Office Conference Room**. Mark Ford opened in prayer.

II. Roll call

Tammy Guss took roll.

The following members were present:

Dr. Mark Ford – Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs
Prof. Jonathan Downs – Dept. of Professional Studies in Management
Ms. Janell Kellum – Academic Support Services and Registrar
Dr. Dave Wegley – Department of Business Administration
Dr. Earl Bland – Department of Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Nancy Damron – Department of Teacher Education
Dr. Susan Larson – School of Nursing and Health Science
Dr. Jim Edlin – Department of Bible, Theology, and Mission

The following guests were present:

Dr. Yorton Clark – Department of Business Administration
Prof. Jack Jones – Department of Business Administration
Prof. Brad King – Department of Health and Exercise Science

III. Action items

1. Proposal from the School of Business to add three courses included as official “GenEd Activity” courses that could be used to satisfy the GenEd Self-Understanding outcome.

- SPMT 1202: Sports Dynamics and Performance
- SPMT 3202: Outdoor Adventures and Survival
- SPMT 2301-3401: Varsity Sports I-IV

Yorton Clark presented the proposal to add these courses. Susan Larson presented a letter from Kim Kato’s outlining her concerns and opinions about allowing these courses from the Department of Business to satisfy GenEd requirements.

- A. SPMT 2301-3401: Varsity Sports was addressed first. A motion was made by Dave Wegley to table this issue until previous GenEd meeting minutes could be reviewed to determine whether Varsity Sports has already been approved as a GenEd activity course. The School of Education believes that it has already been approved. The School of Christian Ministry and

Formation would also like to use Varsity Sports to meet the GenEd requirement if possible in the future. The motion was supported by Earl Bland.

The committee voted unanimously to adopt the motion to table.

- B. A motion was made by Earl Bland to approve SPMT 3202: Outdoor Adventures & Survival as an activity course meeting the Self-Understanding outcome. Dave Wegley supported the motion.

Jack Jones reviewed the evaluation checklist & rubric.

A motion was made by Earl Bland and supported by Dave Wegley to table the issue until the syllabus can be revised to reflect how the course meets the Christ-Centered objective of all GenEd courses.

The committee voted unanimously to adopt the motion to table this proposal until the March GenEd meeting..

- C. A motion was made by Earl Bland to approve SPMT 1202: Sports Dynamics and Performance as an activity course meeting the GenEd Self-Understanding outcome. Nancy Damron supported the motion.

Jack Jones reviewed the evaluation checklist & rubric.

A motion was made by Dave Wegley to table the proposal until the syllabus can be revised to reflect how the course meets the Christ-Centered objective of all GenEd courses. Earl Bland supported the motion.

The committee voted unanimously to adopt the motion to table the motion until the next GenEd meeting.

2. The School of Christian Ministry and Formation is proposing several changes to their GenEd program:

- Adding Psych 3803 Abnormal Psychology as an option under Self-Understanding. The School of Behavioral Science and Counseling is in agreement with this addition and will structure the class so that no prerequisite is required.
- Expanding their list of P.E. classes to “any approved GenEd Activity Course” under Self-Understanding. SCMF students must still complete 2 hours in this area.
- Reducing the Effective Communication requirement from 9 hours to 6-9 hours. They are proposing that their students take ENGL 1503 or ENGL 1703. Previously, students had to complete both ENGL 1503 and ENGL 1703

- this seems like a minor edit since all MNU students now have the option to test out of ENGL 1503.
- Expanding their list of Scientific Literacy courses to “any approved GenEd Science course”.
- Expanding their list of Aesthetic Literacy courses to “any approved GenEd Literature or Fine Arts course”.

Earl Bland discussed the syllabus for PSYC 3303. A motion to accept was PSYC 3303 as a GenEd course meeting the Self-Understanding outcome was made by Susan Larsen. Dave Wegley Supported the motion. The motion carried.

Jim Edlin discussed proposed changes to SCMF and remaining issues under this proposal. A motion to approve all of the bulleted changes above was made by Jim Edlin. Susan Larsen supported the motion. The motion carried.

Proposed Critical Thinking changes were tabled to give Dr. Edlin time to confer with the School of Christian Ministry and Formation.

IV. Adjournment

There was no further business. Dr. Mark Ford adjourned the meeting at 3:52 pm.

Minutes submitted by: Tammy Guss

Minutes approved by: Mark Ford