

**General Education Committee
Minutes**

November 4, 2003

Present:	Mark Hardt James Nowlin	Randall Gloege Squy Wallace
Absent:	St. John Robinson Sandie Rietz – <i>ex-officio</i> Dan Zirker – <i>ex-officio</i> Randy Rhine – <i>ex-officio</i> Joe Michels – <i>ex-officio</i> Curt Kochner – <i>ex-officio</i>	Michael Dennis – <i>excused</i> Cathey White – <i>ex-officio</i> John Cech – <i>ex-officio</i> George White – <i>ex-officio</i> Janie Park – <i>ex-officio</i>
Presiding:	Mark Hardt, Chair	

Mark Hardt called the meeting to order at 3:43 p.m. in the Missouri room of the SUB.

The minutes of October 28 were accepted as presented.

I. Schedule

It was noted that the committee members cannot attend the meeting with the College of Business on November 7. The meeting will be cancelled. The Committee still has to meet with the CEHS and COB curriculum committees.

It was noted that the Math Department is meeting tomorrow, and would like a representative from the Committee to keep them updated. Dr. Nowlin said he would try to attend.

II. Agenda for Meeting with Provost Park

It was noted that financial support of some kind will be needed or this new program will never be implemented. The Committee could suggest a half-time coordinator who would help work out the many sections that will probably be offered, and also help manage changes in the Gen Ed faculty.

It was also noted that release time could be proposed for the Committee, when the process of reviewing submissions begins.

It was noted that the use of non-tenured faculty to teach Gen Ed is the easy way out, but the Committee opposes this policy. Lecturers would be acceptable.

It was cited that assessment is still out there, and the Committee would like Dr. Park's thoughts on what Northwest may want. A simple portfolio could be the answer, as portfolios are popular with accrediting bodies.

It was noted that a clearer timeline is also needed.

The meeting adjourned at 4:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rita J. Rabe Meduna