

General Education Committee

Notes

June 5, 2003

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Present: Mark Hardt Randall Gloege
Michael Dennis

It was noted that the committee has worked long and hard on the difficult project of revising the Academic Foundations (Gen Ed) Program. The committee now needs the support of the administration before taking the project any further.

The work is already 90% done. The input of the faculty is essential, however, to the process. The General Education Committee will go to Department Chairs and Departments with the new plan to present and obtain feedback from all faculty who are interested.

It was cited that the Academic Senate accepted the report of the committee, and accepted the plan of the committee on principle. The actual details have not been worked out completely and were not discussed.

It was also noted that the administration supports the General Education Committee in the process of determining what courses are eligible for Academic Foundations. The committee will look at the program as a whole, which has not been previously done. It was stated that the bylaws of the Gen Ed Committee should be revised to reflect this process.

It was cited that if the Academic Senate were to mandate a review of the Gen Ed/Academic Foundations Program, it would help to ease this process.

A rough time line was also sketched as such:

Present system to Departments and Chairs Fall 2003
Revise system..... Spring 2004
All courses proposed for Academic Foundations to the Committee..... Fall 2004

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