

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2005
COLLEGE UNION ROOM 7**

Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen called the meeting to order at approximately 12:33 p.m.

Voting Members in Attendance: Ms. Brenda Breeding, Mr. Bruce Farris, Ms. Jenean Jones, Mr. Jay Malmstrom, Mr. Warren Neal, Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen (Chair), Mr. Max Simmons.

Absent Voting Members: Dr. Dave Charlson, Ms. Vicki Gibson, Mr. Ray McCullar.

Other Members in Attendance: Dr. Annmarie Shirazi, Ms. Mary Turner.

Announcement

Dave Charlson and Vicki Gibson informed Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen that they will not be attending today's meeting.

Approval of Minutes

- Brenda Breeding made the motion to approve the February 10, 2005 General Education Committee minutes.

Warren Neal seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

General Education Core and Assessment

Copies of the General Education Core were distributed. Dr. Shirazi informed the Committee that the core was approved by the Committee in April 2004. The Committee plans to view one General Education Core component each year as follow:

- 2006 – *“Understanding of Human Heritage and Culture”*
- 2007 – *“Values and Beliefs”*
- 2008 – *“Communication and Symbols”*
- 2009 – *“Social, Political, and Economic Institutions”*
- 2010 – *“Understanding of Nature and Human Kind's Place Therein”*

The Committee discussed the draft Goal, Objective and Assessment handout. They had a lengthy discussion on the statement under Goal which reads: “An understanding of any culture requires appreciation of its art and the interrelationships between ideas and culture.” Some members expressed concerns about this statement being hard to measure. It was suggested to replace the word, “appreciation” with “exposed to”.

Concerns were expressed about the General Education Committee determining ways on how to measure assessments for each department. It was suggested that the Committee set standards or perimeters or make recommendations on how to assess, but not dictate. It was also suggested

that each Committee representative meet with their faculty members to get assessment ideas and the representative bring these ideas to the Committee for review and recommendation.

Warren Neal distributed revised draft copies of the General Education Core. He made revisions to the *Communication and Symbols* and *Social, Political, and Economic Institutions* components. These changes will be discussed and taken under consideration when updating the General Education Core.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:24 p.m.