

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2004
COLLEGE UNION ROOM 7**

Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen called the meeting to order at approximately 12:38 p.m.

Voting Members in Attendance: Mr. Bruce Farris, Ms. Vicki Gibson, Ms. Dana Glencross, Ms. Jenean Jones, Mr. Jay Malmstrom, Mr. Warren Neal, Dr. Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen (Chair), Ms. Mary Turner.

Absent Voting Member: Ms. Brenda Breeding, Dr. Dave Charlson, Mr. Ray McCullar, Mr. Max Simmons.

Other Members: Dr. Brenda Harrison, Dr. Annmarie Shirazi.

Approval of Minutes

- Bruce Farris made the motion to approve the September 9, 2004 General Education Committee minutes as amended.

Jenean Jones name should be added under Absent Voting Members.

Vicki Gibson seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

FY 04 Reports

Dr. Annmarie Shirazi distributed copies of the *General Education Competency American Federal Government FY 2004 Assessment* and *General Education Competency Physical and Biological Processes FY 2004 Assessment* reports with a brief explanation.

A sixteen question multiple-choice assessment test was given to 659 students at the end of their American Federal Government class (PS 1113) in Spring 2004. Using a cut-off of 60% correct, the results showed that 74.2% of the students passed the assessment instrument.

The Committee had a lengthy discussion from concerns of disagreement expressed about the last statement of the *American Federal Government* report that reads:

Therefore, the students completing the American Federal Government class have developed the minimal amount of knowledge necessary to meet the government competency.

Some members did not agree with using this sixteen-question test to measure students' competency.

- Dana Glencross made the motion to accept the *General Education Competency American Federal Government FY 2004 Assessment* report as presented.

Jessica Sheetz-Nguyen seconded the motion.

Three voted in favor. One opposed. Two abstained. The motion was approved.

The Committee briefly discussed the *Physical and Biological Processes Assessment* and decided to table this discussion because Math and Science Division faculty were not present at the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 1:25 p.m.