

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE GENERAL EDUCATION
Minutes of 24 February 2011**

Members present: Raja Aravamuthan, Marcia Fetters, John Geiser, Mustafa Mughazy and David Reinhold. **Members absent:** Roberta Allen and Edwin Martini. **Liaisons present:** Margaret Hamilton and Kevin Knutson. **Also present:** Janice Anderson, Faculty Senate Office.

Procedural Items

COGE Chair Marcia Fetters called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

*Acceptance of the Agenda
Approval of Minutes from 10 February 2011*

It was moved and seconded to accept the agenda. Motion carried.

Members were asked to approve the 10 February minutes by email after the meeting.

Chair's Remarks

No response yet from the School of Nursing regarding NURS 3550 Perspectives in Women's Health [CHHS 020-10-R1] – new course, requests approval in Area III, The United States: Cultures and Issues. The proposal remains tabled until COGE's concerns are addressed.

Materials for five courses are still outstanding. Fetters asked that those departments be contacted again and informed COGE is nearing the end of its review of courses for re-approval in Areas IV and V. As several deadlines have been missed, it is assumed re-approval is not being requested for these courses. COGE's next meeting date of 17 March is to be mentioned.

Action Items

Curriculum proposal from the College of Fine Arts

- MUS 2220, Computer Music Design [CFA-115] - a new three-credit hour course requesting approval in Proficiency 4f: Computer Programming and Applications.

Knutson commented that Proficiency 4f would not be applicable to students in the College of Arts and Sciences. Since approval of this course was requested for a proficiency, rather than an area, the committee gave its approval.

It was moved and seconded to approve MUS 2220 in Proficiency 4f. Motion carried.

Curriculum proposal from the College of Arts and Sciences

- ANTH 1100, Lost Worlds: An Introduction to Archaeology [CAS-805] - existing course requesting change from Area V, Social and Behavioral Sciences, to Area IV: Other Cultures and Civilizations.

Reinhold said he would contact the Registrar's Office to see how this course should be listed once the area change goes into effect. Changing the course number was suggested but it was uncertain if that could occur without changing the name of the course as well. Due to the area change, the possibility of receiving credit for two areas in general education by taking one course becomes a concern.

Approval for ANTH 1100 to change from Area V to Area IV was moved and seconded. Motion carried.

Continuing Business

COGE Re-Approval of General Education Courses in Area IV, Other Cultures and Civilizations, and Area V, Social and Behavioral Sciences

Subcommittees confirmed their re-approval decisions to date and were assigned more courses to review.

*Reconceptualization and Assessment of General Education
and Baccalaureate-Level Writing*

There was a brief discussion in response to an inquiry on the justification of development and teaching of a four-credit, rather than three-credit hour course. Reinhold felt the length of a course should be based on student outcomes.

Other

Members were asked to begin thinking about a meeting date and time for next year. This is necessary for recruitment of new members to COGE.

Reinhold announced that members of COGE and the Senate's Undergraduate Studies Council will be receiving an invitation to attend the 2nd annual WMU Assessment in Action Day, which will be held on Friday, 25 March.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Janice Anderson
Faculty Senate Office