

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY
FACULTY SENATE
COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE GENERAL EDUCATION
Minutes of 17 March 2011**

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

Procedural Items

Roberta Allen served as COGE chair at this meeting as Marcia Fetters was out of town. Allen called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Knutson introduced Aoi Yamanaka whom he had invited to attend to observe discussion of curricular issues pertaining to general education.

*Acceptance of the Agenda
Approval of Minutes from 24 February 2011*

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

Members were asked to approve the 24 February minutes by email after the meeting.

Chair's Remarks

No remarks.

Action Items

Curriculum proposal from the College of Arts and Sciences

- ENVS 4150, Environmental Law – requests approval as new baccalaureate-level writing course (cross-listed as PSCI 4240)

Mughazy moved, seconded by Martini, approval of ENVS 4150 as a baccalaureate-level writing course. Motion carried.

Continuing Business

Continue review of general education courses for re-approval in Area IV, Other Cultures and Civilizations, and Area V, Social and Behavioral Sciences

Subcommittees shared their re-approval decisions with the committee. Discussion of courses up for re-approval will continue at the next meeting.

Course materials received for REL 3230 Religion and Revolution in Area V were assigned to Subcommittee # 2.

New Business

Reinhold suggested COGE consider revising the materials that departments are required to submit for re-approval of general education courses. Next year, COGE is scheduled to review three areas:

- AREA VI, Natural Science with Laboratory
- AREA VII, Natural Science and Technology: Applications and Implications
- AREA VIII, Health and Well-Being

In reviewing for re-approval, Reinhold said the two most important questions for departments to respond to are:

- How does the course address the area or proficiency it is approved in?
- How does the course specifically address learning outcomes?

Also, not requiring the curriculum form was suggested.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Janice Anderson
Faculty Senate Office