

MINUTES  
Committee on General Education  
January 25, 2006

Present: William Sieger; Roger Reinsch; Bonnie Chauncey. Advisory: Shelley Bannister; Angeles Eames; Amy Hietapelto; Roger Gilman; Edmund Hansen. Charletta Guitierrez, Guest.

New Committee Members

Angeles Eames informed the committee that the proposed slate for new committee members had been approved by Alan Shub, but it has not yet been approved by the Faculty Senate. It was decided that Roger Reinsch and Angeles Eames will ask that the executive committee approve the slate as soon as possible.

GenEd Assessment

The committee discussed ways to increase the number of assessment results from students who have completed their GenEd requirements at Northeastern. It was suggested that we sort the students to derive a list of students who have 60 credits, 51 of which are from NEIU. It was also suggested that we focus testing on the gateway courses that are offered in each discipline to increase the pool of students who have completed GenEd but have not yet benefited from upper level courses in their subject areas.

This year's Academic Profile assessment will be conducted in March. Angeles Eames collected volunteers from among the committee members to serve as proctors for the 40 courses in which the test will be given. Proctors will have a prior training session from CTL and will proctor in 3 test sessions.

A goal this year is to assess two additional GenEd goals, Quantitative/Numeracy and Diversity. Committee consensus is that a scoring rubric will not be a useful tool for evaluating Quantitative/Numeracy skills. It was suggested that a subcommittee be formed to derive or create a test which could be used as a pilot this semester. Suggested members for the subcommittee are Tom Weaver, Wamucii Njogu, Constantine Loucopoulos, Nancy Wrinkle, Tanya Cofer, Linda Rueckert. Roger Reinsch will contact potential members and ask them to come to our next meeting to discuss this.

In addition, we would also like to obtain their input on creating a memorandum for advisers that can show which GenEd math courses students aiming at specific disciplines should seek out in order to fulfill the GenEd math requirement. Angeles Eames warned that changes in academic policy are often not distributed widely enough, and advisers as well as students are often unaware of policy changes that will affect them.

Upcoming Meetings

The committee set the dates for the meetings for the rest of the semester, as follows:

**Wednesday, February 1** -- 12:00 noon      Special meeting of the Math competency sub-committee

**Thursday, February 9** -- 11:30 – 1:30 pm      Full committee meeting, **quorum important** will vote on some gen ed changes affecting how students can meet the math competency.

**Thursday, February 23**, 11:30 – 1:30 pm      Full committee meeting

**Thursday, March 9**, 11:30 – 1:30 pm      Full committee meeting

**Thursday, March 30**, 11:30 – 1:30 pm      Full committee meeting

**Thursday, April 6**, 11:30 -1:30 pm      Full committee meeting

**Thursday, April 20**, 11:30 – 1:30 pm      Full committee meeting

**TUESDAY, May 9**, 12:00 – 1:30 pm      Full committee meeting

It was further decided that until the committee can convene with a quorum, the former officers will continue to officiate.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Chauncey, Vice Chair- Secretary