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Members Present: A. Lawson (Chair), S. Adisasmito-Smith, J. Charalambides, S. Lewis, M. Miller, K. Miller, D. Henriques.

Members Absent: D. Nef. (excused), N. Clark (student).

Visitors: None.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lawson at 11:15 a.m. in University Center, room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 11/2/2007.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as amended to show:

Switch item numbers 6 and 7.
3. Communications and Announcements.

The American Association of Colleges & Universities conference to be held in February in Boston relating to General Education (GE) assessment and reform. Dr. Nef's office would like to send a team from the committee.
4. GEOL 50/EES 50 National Parks of the Sierra Nevada - Area E2.

MSC to return to the department with a recommendation to review area E specifications and modify to reflect the requirements. Also:

- a. Paper should be min 1000 words.
- b. Number of sections offered in year 3 must be stated.
- c. Specific syllabi and general syllabi should contain the same course objectives and student learning outcomes.

5. Revision to CDDS 90 Deaf American Literature – Area C2.

MSC to approve as amended:

Writing requirement needs to be an iterative process.
Modify to reflect iterative process.

6. Q-Dogs Impact on General Education – Keith Putirka, 12:00 p.m.

Keith Putirka (Chair Q-DOGS) spoke with the GE committee regarding his group. Their main recommendations are:

- a. Consensus that General Education as a program is generally okay.
- b. An ethics component and a statistical reasoning component.
- c. We have writing across General Education. There is a suggestion that we could have quantitative reasoning across the curriculum.
- d. Electronic portfolio – consists of work students already do in courses, possibly self reflective essay.

7. CI 151 Social Foundations of Education – Area ID.

MSC to return the proposal to the department to clarify the proposal including how it meets the Area requirements, and request a typical syllabus be included.

MSC to adjourn 1:45 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the General Education Committee will be next semester (specific date to be determined by email) in the University Center # 203

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 11/30/07.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communication and Announcements.
4. Periodic Syllabi Review.
5. Program Review.