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Members Present: A. Lawson (Chair), R. Badruddoja, M. Calvarese,
D. Christensen, D. Henriques, D. Nef,
S. Xiong (student).

Members Furloughed: (All excused) B. Berrett, S. Lewis, S. Lee,
J. Tatsumura.

Members Absent: None.

Visitor: J. Krauss

The meeting was called to order by Chair A. Lawson at 11:15 p.m. in Thomas Administration #117.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 11/06/09.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as distributed.
3. Communications and Announcements.
None.
4. Multicultural International (MI) Courses.
 - a. A number of faculty from the college of Social Sciences and the college of Arts and Humanities attended the meeting to voice opposition to any changes in the GE program which reduces the number of units or deemphasizes the Multicultural International requirements.
 - b. R. Badruddoja presented some calculations that the MI area represents approximately ten full time faculty positions.
 - c. J. Kus provided the committee a history of the current GE program including how and why the MI area was created including a conscious effort to place the area in upper division such that transfer students were still required to complete the area.
 - d. A faculty member from Recreation Administration department stated that they need MI for accreditation reasons.

- e. The faculty suggested that since there are a relatively small number of departments that are over 120 units for their degree that we should work with these departments for exceptions from the current program.

5. GE Action Plan.

The action plan resulting from GE program review was discussed and will be distributed to committee members.

6. Area C2 Syllabi Review.

German 1B

- Course name is Elementary German
- Writing requirement is not reflected in grading structure
- Learning outcomes are unclear
- No typical schedule or assignment schedule
- Place link or page number to university policies

German 2A and 2B

- Clarify distinction between 2A and 2B
- Course name is Elementary German
- Writing requirement is not reflected in grading structure
- Learning outcomes are unclear
- No typical schedule or assignment schedule
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Greek 1A

- Iterative component is unclear
- No specific course learning outcomes, only GE outcomes
- No copyright policy

Hmong 1B – compare to Bryan

- Ok

Hum 10

- Iterative component is unclear
- Western vs. non-western perspective is not explicit
- No units
- No time
- No location
- No prereqs
- No subject to change
- No assignment or course schedule
- No honor code
- No copyright

Hum 11

- No western no western perspective
- No course name

- No units
- No location
- No prereqs
- No course goals
- No learning outcomes
- No subject to change
- No university policies

Greek 1B

- No western-non western
- No location
- No copyright statement

MSC to adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the General Education Committee will be December 4, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in Thomas Administration #117.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 11/20/2009.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. First year writing contract grading.
5. Area C2 Syllabi Review.
 - Hum 15
 - Hum 20
 - Ital 1A
 - Ital 1B
 - Ital 2A
 - Ital 2B
 - Japn 1A
 - Japn 1B
6. Area ID Syllabi Review (2nd round of revisions from spring 2009).
 - GEREN 100
 - WS 101-Hist 101
 - KINES 111
 - AAIS 103, 144
 - CRIM 101, 120 and 153
 - GEOG 169