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Members Present: A. Lawson (Chair), S. Adisasmito-Smith,
D. Henriques, S. Lewis, D. Nef, A. Yamane.

Members Absent: B. Berrett (excused), D. Christensen (excused),
K. Miller (excused).

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lawson at 11:05 a.m. in
University Center, room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 11/21/08.
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
 - Upper Division General Education (GE) prerequisite enforcement may have a few technical difficulties with PeopleSoft, but these are likely to be overcome.
 - GE outcomes assessment team was named for spring 2009.
4. Area IC syllabi revisions.
 - a. ENGL 113
 - Add measureable learning outcomes and clarify integration of subareas in those outcomes.
 - Need linkage between points and letter grades.
 - b. PHIL 120
 - Location must be added.
 - Bullets for C2 should be changed to “as an IC course, this course will...” (the course is not C2, it is IC).
 - Learning objectives should be changed to measureable learning outcomes.

- c. PHIL 151
- A friendly recommendation that the faculty consider the term paper (since writing is a major focus of the GE program) to be worth more than 5% (this is currently half the points available as extra credit). The committee members also had a difficult time in locating the elements within the syllabus and would recommend reorganization and streamlining of the syllabus.
 - Iterative writing component must incorporate faculty feedback not from a panel of readers as written.
 - Points for grading of course need to be more specific that 5% for paper and 95% for everything else.
- d. FREN 109
- Statement on copyright is still missing.
 - Still need to add measureable student learning outcomes.
 - No copyright statement.
- e. FREN 149
- The syllabus should clarify the nature of the feedback to the students so that the iterative component is clear (currently two drafts are required, but it is not clear that students get feedback from the instructor).
 - Still need to add measureable learning outcomes.
 - No copyright statement.
- f. SPAN 125
- Approved as revised.
- g. SPAN 129
- The iterative process is still unclear.

The courses will be given until 30th of January to resubmit or the committee will recommend to the Provost that the courses be removed from GE.

MSC to adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the General Education Committee will be on Friday, January 30, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. in the University Center #203.

Agenda.

1. Approval of the Minutes of 12/05/2008.
2. Approval of the Agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.
4. Area IC syllabi revisions (round 2).
 - a. AAIS 129
 - b. ARM 148
 - c. ENGL 102
 - d. ENGL 114
 - e. HUM 118
 - f. MUSIC 187