

**General Education Committee**  
**Minutes of the Meeting on April 20, 2012**      **1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**Library 475**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

The following voting members were present: Rachel Kirk, Justin Gardner, Sandra Poirier, Will Carter, Doug Timmons, Horace Johns, Dennis Powell, Dwight Brooks, Skip Kendrick, Kari Neely, and Julie Myatt Barger. Ex officio members in attendance were Sheila Otto, Robert Hunt, and Fay Parham. Guests were Ron Henderson, Tony Johnston, Tom Jurkanin, and Bill Shulman.

**II. Approval of Minutes:** The committee approved the minutes of the previous meetings on September 30, 2011, and February 10, 2012.

**III. PHYS 2110/2111 (Calculus-Based Physics I and University Physics Laboratory I):**

The following requests were unanimously approved by the committee: the request to change the title of PHYS 2111 from University Physics Laboratory I to Calculus-Based Physics Laboratory I; the request to change the allocation of credit hours from three credits to zero credits for PHYS 2110 and from one credit to four credits for PHYS 2111; and the request to establish the contact hours as 1.5 lecture hours and 5 lab hours.

**IV. New Course Proposal: (Social/Behavioral Sciences Category):**

ABAS 2010 World Food Issues

Tony Johnston discussed the content and objectives of the proposed course and answered questions. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the course, and the course was approved by a vote of 6-5.

**V. New course Proposal: (Social/Behavioral Sciences Category):**

CJA 1100 Introduction to Criminal Justice

Tom Jurkanin discussed the content and objectives of the proposed course and answered questions. After discussion, a motion was made to approve the course, and the course was approved by a vote of 6-4 with 1 abstention.

**VI. Assessment Subcommittee Report:** The Assessment Subcommittee reviewed five course assessment reports this semester.

ENGL 1020: Research and Argumentative Writing. The subcommittee approved this report as written.

COMM 2200: Fundamentals of Communication. The subcommittee approved this report as written.

MATH 1710: College Algebra. The subcommittee asked the department to elaborate on recent and /or planned improvements that have been made in response to the assessment of student learning.

PSCI 1030/1031: Topics in Physical Science. This was the pilot year of the General Education assessment process for this course, and the subcommittee asked for more

specifics about how the outcomes are assessed and the extent to which students are meeting the outcomes.

PSY 1410: General Psychology. This was the pilot year of the General Education assessment process for this course, and the faculty plan to develop and implement new forms of assessment in AY 2012-13. The subcommittee asked that the department submit information about this assessment when it is available.

The Gen Ed Committee voted unanimously to approve the Assessment Subcommittee's report.

**VII. Election of Vice Chair:**

Skip Kendrick was elected Vice Chair for 2011-2012 and will assume the position of Chair for 2012-13.

**VIII. Adjournment:** There was no additional business, and the meeting was adjourned.