

# GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

## Minutes

March 28, 2011

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### Present:

Donna Bussell  
Peter Shapinsky-chaired for HD  
Karen Moranski  
John Martin  
Tung Nguyen  
Don Morris  
Natalie Tagge  
Pinky Wassenberg  
Justin Keenan

### Absent:

Jay Gilliam  
Heather Dell  
Harshavardhan Bapat  
Richard Gilman-Opalsky

### I. Approval of Minutes from February 28, 2011

John Martin moved to accept the minutes and Donna Bussell seconded the motion. The consensus was to approve. It was asked to add CLS 215 to the courses reviewed by e-mail sections since these courses were approved after the last meeting. It was also asked to add the meeting location to the agendas.

### II. On-going revision to the Math Approval Criteria

The approval of the math criteria has been waiting on a meeting of faculty and department chairs who want their upper division courses to count for math stats. Karen Moranski met with them and determined that all three of the people who came to the meeting could meet the criteria of stats as written. It was explained that Political Science would consider moving their 400 level courses to 300 levels to count as General Education. The Political Science Department was going to have a meeting but to date we have not heard of the outcome. Since the criteria is acceptable to the General Education Council and reviewed by the Math

Department, we are now ready to approve and publish one criteria for math skills and one for math stats.

All math courses are now listed together. They will need to be listed separately in the catalog so Karen Moranski will work with Leslie DeFrates on revising it.

There were no further comments on the criteria themselves so John Martin moved to approve the criteria for math skills and math stats. Natalie Tagge seconded the motion. The consensus was to publish both math criteria.

### III. Freshman Seminar approval criteria

It was decided to let the committee look over the draft before final reading and approval.

### IV. Comparative Societies Criteria

A small change will be needed on the Comparative Societies criteria which is going through Senate.

Students will take one Comparative Societies course designated by the General Education Council as either Humanities or Behavioral and Social Sciences. Students who come to UIS with fewer than 30 Hours are strongly encouraged to fulfill their Comparative Societies requirement during the first year at UIS.

An invitation is extended to the College of Business to designate some of their courses for Comparative Societies. There was discussion regarding the Comparative Societies Assessment rubric which will be brought to committee at a future meeting.

Summary: The General Education Council recommends more research needed on pre and post testing models and ideal assessment collection methodologies. Karen will update at next meeting.

### Future Meetings

1. Intercultural Awareness rubric for Comparative Societies Assessment.
2. Peter & Heather's report about the Comparative Societies Meeting.
3. Final vote Comparative Societies Criteria.
4. Freshman Seminar approval criteria after senate meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

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