

**GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
DECEMBER 8, 2008  
PAC 4E**

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**Present:**

Terry Bodenhorn  
Heather Dell  
Lan Dong  
Richard Gilman-Opalsky  
John Martin  
Martin Martsch  
Karen Moranski  
Laurel Newman  
Peter Shapinsky

**Absent:**

Waheedah Bilal  
Whitney Holland Kampwerth  
Bev Rivera – on sabbatical  
Pinky Wassenberg

1. The General Education Council Meeting times were decided. We will meet every other Monday beginning February 2 from 10:00 to 11:30 am to accommodate members who teach classes.
2. A Sub-Committee was decided upon in order to review ECCE Speaker Series requests that come in during the winter break. Richard Gilman-Opalsky and John Martin have agreed to be on this committee.
3. Approval of Minutes

John Martin motioned to approve the 10-27-08 minutes. It was suggested to remove Margot Duley's name from attendee's list. Terry Bodenhorn represents the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences on the General Education Council. It was also suggested to add a comment to Bev Rivera's name on all minutes that she is on sabbatical.

Richard Gilman-Opalsky seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve.

Peter Shapinsky motioned to approve the 11-10-08 minutes. It was suggested that the titles of courses be added next to the Course prefix and number.

Richard Gilman-Opalsky seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve.

John Martin motioned to approve the 11-24-08 minutes. Richard Gilman-Opalsky seconded the motion. All were in favor to approve.

4. Approval of Courses

- SOA 420: ECCE: American Musics - Second Reading; Course Level  
Approved as a 400 level course
- WGS 453: ECCE: Women Across Cultures - Update  
WGS 353 was approved by Gen Ed Council November 24, 2008. As students have already registered for the existing WGS 453, Council has approved to allow WGS 453 to be taught one semester only and then change to WGS 353 next semester.

- PAD 498: ECCE: Civic Engagement in My Hometown  
Approved – It was suggested that the course description be expanded on. Karen Moranski and Heather Dell will speak to the instructor and revise without Council's review.
- PSY 467: ECCE: Specialized Applied Study Seminar  
Approved

5. ECCE Speaker Series Request for lecture by Mustaque Chodhury

The Council decided that the lecture content is too vague. It needs to show how to engage the audience and a better description of the event.

It is to be revised and sent to the sub-committee formed to review ECCE Speaker requests during the winter break.

6. Written Communication Criteria – Follow up

The old criteria were still posted to e-DOCs. The latest version is to be posted.

7. General Education Council Retreat

The retreat has been set for January 30, 2009 from 12:30 pm to 5:00 pm in order to re-approve 2005-06 courses.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, February 2, 2009 at 10:00 am in PAC 4E

Respectfully submitted,

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Office of Undergraduate Education