General Education Council
Minutes
11.12.01

Council Present:
F. Blevens-Fine Arts and Communication
L. Thomas-Health Professions
B. Brown-Liberal Arts
S. Beebe-Chair Rep.
T. Hindson-Liberal Arts
B. Stone-Applied Arts
V. Sriraman-Science
R. Northcutt-Science
J. Crawford-Chair Rep.
C. McCall-Education
J. Fischer-Student Rep.
M. Hamilton-Education
Gust: David Nelson

Council Absent:
D. Perkins-Applied Arts
D. Showalter-Business Admin.
J. Ross-Business Admin.
T. Mottet-Fine Arts and Communication
B. Melzer-Health Professions

Meeting convened at 3:35 p.m.

J. DeLeon will attend on Jan. 28 to discuss US 1100 compliance.

The core curriculum will be reviewed for science, math and fine arts this year. The council will look at the new anthropology and physics courses added to the core curriculum as well as the proposed geography course during this curriculum and syllabus review.

Motion:
R. Brown asked for a motion to approve the minutes from October 22\textsuperscript{nd}. J. Crawford so moved. R. Northcutt seconds the motion. The October 22\textsuperscript{nd} minutes are approved as prepared.

David Nelson attended the council meeting to share the data he collected while doing a core curriculum audit. The audit was done on only native SWT students (29 or fewer hours). The random sample was taken from the May 1999, 2000, and 2001 graduating classes. He used the DARS system to evaluate if these graduates met the core curriculum requirements. There were 417 students in the sample with 11\% not meeting the requirements. This detailed data is held in the
University College office for further review or if you would like a copy of this information.

The council discussed the advising centers' involvement and whether or not information is being consistently given to all students.

The following council members requested more details and student name for those not met all core requirements from their department: T. Hindson and B. Stone.

The council requested a chart/grid or some table of guidelines that shows all the possible scenarios for which science courses to take. This would be distributed to all advisors across campus. Many advisors are confused with the rules concerning which natural science courses to advise students to take. Hopefully this chart would eliminate all questions or confusion.

The council mentioned that the individual students' dean makes final approval on all degree plans. D. Nelson did not look at major requirements on those samples that he reviewed. The deans enforce the institutional requirement for 9 hours of writing intensive courses not the core curriculum requirements.

R. Brown will bring back the completed report to be distributed to Deans interested in the findings.

The council is concerned that students need a cultural type of course. One suggestion was to drop 1 PE or the US and have a 3-hour international course. It was also suggested that the cultural course become a major requirement.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.