

General Education Committee
Minutes from the Meeting of September 7, 2004
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m., 1A-308

Present: D. Choy, M. Feola, C. Liu, R. Lufrano, G. Mitchell, M. O'Donnell, R. Peetz, D. Podell, A. Pojé, D. Popper, I. Sekerina, F. Soto, J. Torres, R. Vogel, H. Weiner

Staff: V.J. Agarwal, A. Bianco, D. Ciluffo, A. Hoffner, I. Smodlaka

Excused: R. Calderon, J. Owens, C. Palermo, J. Peters, R. Wang, Y. Zhu; Student representative M. Carlin,

Date: September 10, 2004

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1. VP Podell opened the meeting with a welcome to new faculty and briefly discussed the meaning of a general education. VP Podell noted CSI's involvement in CUNY wide discussions on general education.
 2. The minutes of the General Education Committee of May 11, 2004 were approved (attachment).
 3. a) The Department of History proposal to classify a new course HST 273 Medieval Russia in the Social Science category was approved effective Spring 2005.
b) The Department of Psychology proposal to add three Psychology courses, PSY/WMS 235 Gender and Sexuality, PSY/WMS 268 Psychology of Women, and PSY 215 Psychological Perspectives on Disabilities to the list of courses that satisfy the "Pluralism and Diversity" requirement was approved effective Spring 2005.
 4. The committee discussed department assessment of courses in the Contemporary World category. The Provost, Deans, and Curriculum Coordinator will meet to discuss the process for soliciting course lists from departments and the format for submission. Lists submitted will be reviewed by this committee according to the new definition for the Contemporary World. Also, discussed was the notion of including science and technology courses in the category of Social Scientific Analysis. Prof. Peetz presented issues regarding Chemistry and its relationship to the social sciences. It was suggested that the Science and Technology division continue this conversation regarding the science sequence for non-majors. Dean Soto and several departments in the Humanities and Social Sciences division will meet to discuss the definition of the Social Scientific Analysis category to be brought before this committee in October.
 5. Discuss the proposed new definition for TALA,

These courses introduce students to the literary, visual, and performing arts. Students will examine the historical and cultural aspects of various works, as well as methods for their analysis and/or creation. This requirement aims to encourage active inquiry into the complexity of language, art, and communication.

and the Committee's will continue to review the definition of each general education category and its courses throughout this academic year.

6. Annamarie Bianco announced the release of the Curriculum Office website by the end of this week. Ms. Bianco also distributed a new curriculum flow chart with proposal due dates along

with updated formats for submission of proposals. The committee agreed to consider a specific format be developed for General Education proposals.

Respectfully submitted,
Annamarie Bianco