

Central Connecticut State University (CCSU) > General Education Subcommittee[Send To Printer](#)**General Education Subcommittee****Meeting Minutes**

April 27, 2011

In attendance: Don Adams (Philosophy), Jan Bishop (Physical Education Human Performance; Subcommittee Chair), Emily Chasse (Library), Mary Erdmans (Sociology), Mark Jackson (Biology), Paul Karpuk (English), Jakub Kazecki (Modern Languages), Adele Miller (Mathematics), Brian Osoba (Economics), Chris Pudlinski (Communication), Robbin Smith (Political Science), Tom Vasko (Engineering), Louise Williams (History), Robert Wolff (Arts and Sciences Dean's Representative)

AGENDA ITEMS

Minutes of the March 9, 2011 General Education Subcommittee Meeting approved unanimously (Karpuk/Erdmans).

IV. New Business**Economics****Course Revision**

18. Principles of Economics II (ECON 201)

Reaffirmed for Study Area II unanimously approved (Smith/ Karpuk).

English**Course Addition**

22. Greek Literature (ENG 363)

23. Latin Literature (ENG 364)

Moved as a package and approved unanimously for I designation (Miller/Jackson)

Announcements:**Minor Changes**

The subcommittee discussed the creation of a "No Brainer" Amendment (or Memorandum of Understanding as opposed to a bylaw change) that would allow the subcommittee to address minor changes electronically. Such a policy would relieve departments from providing a representative to committee meetings if the requested change (e.g. reaffirming for the exact same study area) was of a minor nature. Any subcommittee member who still wished to discuss the change or who had questions about the proposed course alteration would be able to request that the matter be brought before a subcommittee meeting.

The committee debated several issues in regards to how the process would operate. Would there be a deadline for response? Would a lack of response from subcommittee members constitute acquiescence? Would there need to be a certain percentage of affirmative responses? And which types of changes would qualify for this alternative process?

The subcommittee generally agreed that there should be a list of items that might qualify for an electronic approval. There were also concerns expressed that the change might add to the administrative responsibilities of the subcommittee or committee chair, although other members wondered if it would alleviate the workload by streamlining the subcommittee process.

General Education Revisions

Robert Wolff noted that a more detailed survey was forthcoming from the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc General Education Committee. The Ad Hoc Committee hopes that all faculty will take the time to complete the survey. A blog site is forthcoming as well. If you wish to post to the blog, please contact Robert Wolff.

Adieu

Jan Bishop will be stepping down as the General Education Subcommittee Chair this May after many years of exemplary service. She will be the Program Coordinator for the BSED. The subcommittee thanks her for her service and wishes her well in her new endeavor.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m. (Karpuk/Bishop)

Minutes compiled by Robbin Smith