

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

General Education Subcommittee  
September 22, 2010  
Vance 106

In attendance: Stephen Adair (Sociology – Alt.), Don Adams (Philosophy), Jan Bishop (Physical Education and Human Performance), Peter Baumann (Engineering), Emily Chasse (Library), Paul Karpuk (English), Jakub Kazecki (Modern Languages), Adele Miller (Math), Ruth Rollin (Biology), Robbin Smith (Political Science), Louise Williams (History), Robert Wolff (Arts and Sciences Dean's Representative)

Agenda:

Opening Business:

- Election of subcommittee chairs [GE]
- Election of subcommittee secretaries [GE]

Motion to approve Jan Bishop as Chair of the General Education Subcommittee and Robbin Smith as secretary approved unanimously (Karpuk/Miller).

Informational Items:

Community College Waiver Agreement - The Provost's Office is preparing a proposal related to the waiver of the CCSU general education requirements for community college graduates with a liberal arts degree.

CCSU General Education Requirements – Last spring, the Arts and Sciences Dean's Office, in response to concerns raised by a variety of departments, sought to gather feedback on the faculty's view of the current general education requirements. The Dean's Office is now in the process of developing a formal survey for distribution to the entire campus faculty. The survey will be used to generate a discussion about the general education requirements and to allow faculty to reflect on what they would like to see in an "ideal" general education program. Pending the approval of the Dean, Robert Wolff will provide that survey to the general education subcommittee.

Department Caps – Some departments are facing increasing stress because of the recent losses in their faculty numbers. These departments are struggling to support increasing numbers of majors. Some of these departments have explored a variety of mechanisms to cap the number of majors in their programs. Nursing is one program that has a cap in place. Criminology is also attempting to work with the Admissions Department to limit the number of new students coming into that program. However, there is still the problem of transfer of students within the institution from other schools into Arts and Sciences and into overburdened departments. Efforts are underway to address the needs of these particular students and those affected departments.