

General Education Assessment Committee
Meeting #5, Monday, April 21, 2003
Room 5302 - Friedman Hall

Present: Noel Allende-Goitia (Music), Raja Aravamuthan (Paper Science and Printing), Mike Clark (Speech Pathology and Audiology), Jennifer Daniels (Mathematics), Linda Delene (Provost's Office), Margaret Dupuis (English), Bassam Harik (Economics), Elaine Anderson Jayne (University Libraries), Lisa Paulius (Physics), Robert Reck (Marketing), Matthew Steel (Music), and Craig Tollini (GSAC). Absent: Fred Sitkins (Manufacturing Engineering), and Paul Solomon (Art).

Linda Delene called the meeting of the General Education Assessment Committee to order at 10:15 AM with the introduction of Professors Noel Allende-Goitia and Matthew Steel, both from the School of Music, and as representatives for the College of Fine Arts. The committee reviewed and approved the summary note for the committee meeting of 3/31/03. Delene gave an overview of the committee's work in the past few months to orient the group to day's deliberations. She cautioned that the student learning outcomes being written are for the current general education program and policy of the University – and not for a revised general education program. The cooperation of the general education “review group” in reviewing the draft student learning outcomes had been good, and their comments had been included in the report sent to committee members for today's meeting.

The Committee then began its review of the suggestions made, one by one, for each area of general education. Some changes were made in the draft student learning outcomes for items for areas I, II, and III and these will be incorporated into the next draft of the learning outcomes document. Delene asked individual committee members to further consider the comments for each area and give her final recommendations for change no later than Monday, May 5, 2003: (Area 4, Meg Dupuis; Area 5, Aravamuthan; Area 6, Lisa Paulius; Area 7, Jennifer Daniels, and Area 8, Mike Clark). After these final suggestions have been received, the committee will vote at its next meeting on whether to accept the recommended learning outcomes for a two-year experimental period. From May 2003 through May 2005.

The committee then reconsidered the proposed schedule for general education assessment involving the use of two different commercial instruments as well as area specific assessment in content areas. The committee voted unanimously to accept the schedule with the *College Basic Academic Subjects Examination (CBASE)* from the University of Missouri-Columbia for use in the fall and spring semesters of the next academic year. Additional copies of this instrument will be made available to the new members of the committee during the next week. This instrument will provide some comparable data with results from students at other universities.

After a short additional consultation, the next meeting's date was set. If the committee can finish its business in May, there will be no need for a June meeting. There being no further business, the committee adjourned at 11:35AM.

NEXT MEETING: 10:00 - Noon, Tuesday, May 13, 2003