Members of the General Education Committee for 2011-2012
Dawn Eckenrode, Library Faculty
Steve Fabian (Secretary), Humanities
Laura Koepke, Music
Ingrid Johnston-Robledo, Campus Assessment Committee Liaison
Carl Lam, Student Representative
Sherri Mason, Natural Sciences
Todd Proffitt, Arts
Guangyu Tan, Education
Taihyeup Yi, Business
Andrea Zevenbergen (Chair), Social Sciences

Committee Activity
Meetings
This academic year, the General Education Committee met 21 times.

Courses Reviewed for Changes Related to the General Education Program
The Committee reviewed and approved one proposal for removal from the General Education program, CDS 419. As of 4/27/12, the Committee has reviewed 39 proposals for inclusion in the General Education program. The 36 courses approved thus far include:

ENG 300, European Literary Landmarks (for Western Civilization)
ENG 303, Global Literary Landmarks (for Other World Civilizations)
ENG 306, Middle Eastern Literature (for Other World Civilizations)
INDS 206/HIS 206, Introduction to African American Studies (for Humanities)
PHIL 303, Crime and Punishment (for Humanities)
BUAD 446, Sales Management (for Oral Communication)
BUAD 449, Strategic Management (for Oral Communication)
COMM 105, Public Speaking (for Oral Communication)
CSIT 413, Computer Architecture (for Oral Communication)
CSIT 425, Software Engineering (for Oral Communication)
CSIT 431, Introduction to Operating Systems (for Oral Communication)
CSIT 441, Analysis and Design of Algorithms (for Oral Communication)
CSIT 455, Relational and Object Databases (for Oral Communication)
CSIT 462, Computer Graphics (for Oral Communication)
EDU 420, Student Teaching -- Elementary Primary (for Oral Communication)
EDU 421, Student Teaching -- Early Childhood PreK (for Oral Communication)
EDU 422, Student Teaching -- Elem/Intermed (for Oral Communication)
EDU 423, Student Teaching -- Early Childhood/Kindergarten (for Oral Communication)
EDU 425, Student Teaching -- Early Childhood Grades 1-2 (for Oral Communication)
EDU 430, Student Teaching -- Grades 7-12 (for Oral Communication)
EDU 435, Student Teaching -- Pre-K, K (for Oral Communication)
EDU 437, Student Teaching -- Inclusive Education -- Primary (for Oral Communication)
Assessment of General Education

The 2011-2012 academic year’s CCC categories for the SUNY Trustees’ General Education Assessment Requirement (GEAR) assessment cycle were: American History, Basic Written Communication, Critical Thinking, and Western Civilization. Reports from the assessment subcommittees are due June 30, 2012. The committee developed and approved a General Education Assessment Policies manual, and revised its assessment report template for subcommittee use.

Revision of General Education

The General Education Committee proposed to University Senate to add the Oral Communication category to the CCC. This proposal was approved by University Senate in October, 2011. The Oral Communication category, together with the Written Communication category, comprise the SUNY requirement for Basic Communication. The following represents the current wording related to the Basic Communication requirement (approved by University Senate, March 2012):

Effective immediately, students at SUNY Fredonia are required to complete an Oral Communication experience within an approved course in order to graduate from SUNY Fredonia, regardless of the date in which they enrolled at SUNY Fredonia. Students who completed at least one course in the Speaking Intensive CCC category prior to Fall 2012 have satisfied this requirement.

Website Expansion

The General Education Committee expanded the amount of information available on the General Education website. Additions included assessment reports from the 2010-2011 cycle, meeting minutes, and documents related to recent and planned revisions to the General Education program.

Other Document Preparation

The General Education Committee developed a committee policy and procedures manual, revised an informational sheet related to the CCC Foreign Language requirement,
revised the CCC Advising Sheet, revised the Course Approval Request forms, and prepared a report on Fall 2011 CCC syllabi inclusion of category names and appropriate Learning Outcomes for the Middle States Monitoring Report.

Related Service Roles
Two members of the General Education Committee, Sherri Mason and Todd Proffitt, participated on the Task Force on Baccalaureate Goals. Andrea Zevenbergen was a member of the Campus Assessment Committee. On behalf of the Committee and university, Laura Koepke attended a conference titled, “Infusing New Energy into a Familiar Course: Strategies, Activities, and Assignments” in Austin, TX, in January, 2012.

Future Committee Plans
Now that the baccalaureate goals have been approved by the University Senate and President, the General Education Committee will develop a subcommittee focused on revision of the General Education program. This subcommittee will begin its work in the Fall of 2012.

In the 2012-2013 academic year, the CCC categories of Mathematics, Foreign Language, Information Management, and Other World Civilizations will be assessed.

Respectfully submitted,
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