

Actions: Council on General Education

Council on General Education Meeting Minutes March 1, 2001 Macon State College

Present: James A. Burran, Timothy Crimmins (for William Fritz), Valerie M. D'Ortona, James Fletcher, Shirley Hall, Robert W. Haney, John Lupold, Jack Morrell, Joseph H. Silver, Sr., Gregory J. Stewart, Cathie Mayes Hudson, Kathleen Burk

Absent: Tommy Joe Anderson

President Jim Burran called the meeting to order and introduced Dr. Dorothy Zinsmeister, Senior Associate for Academic Affairs with the University System Office.

MINI-CORE PROJECT: Dr. Zinsmeister presented information about the Mini-Core project, which involves common courses in Area A for transfer between USG and DTAE institutions. Members emphasized the need for follow-up and assessment of the progress of students transferring mini-core courses. In addition to information on the success of students transferring, the members requested monitoring of the impact on two-year colleges, the numbers of students participating, and student requests for transient permission to take mini-core courses at DTAE.

AREA D.II: There was a continuation of the discussion of whether calculus should be required in Area D. II. or whether individual majors could have such a requirement. The Academic Committee on Math has requested that students in math education be required to take Calculus I in Area D. The Academic Committee on Biology has requested that calculus not be specified for Area D. The other academic committees in the sciences will be asked whether they want to require Calculus I in Area D, and an attempt will be made to develop a policy that is not specific to each major.

"TWO TRIG" ISSUE: There has been some confusion about trigonometry courses in the core curriculum. At some institutions, trigonometry is designed to prepare students for calculus, while at other institutions it does not. The core curriculum guidelines state that institutions may have trigonometry courses that serve as an immediate prerequisite for Calculus I and that completion of such courses will be regarded as completion of pre-calculus in Area A. The committee members agreed that institutions do not need approval to add such trigonometry courses to Area A, but the course catalog and the institution's listing of Area A courses on the core curriculum website should indicate that the trigonometry course in Core Area A meets the pre-calculus requirement. A statement of clarification will be added to the core curriculum guidelines.

DOUBLE-COUNTING CREDIT: There was agreement that a statement should be added to the core curriculum guidelines indicating that a student cannot get credit in two areas of the core curriculum for one course.

REQUESTS FROM INSTITUTIONS:

Atlanta Metropolitan College

HIST 2232 African American History	APPROVED
EDUC 2105 Exceptional Children	(Area F course; approval not required)

Armstrong Atlantic State University

HLPR 2010 Culture, Illness, Diagnosis and Treatment	APPROVED (B)
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Columbus State University

Follow-up from previous submissions:

ITDS 1215 Introduction to Life in Space	APPROVED (Area D.I. only)
LIBR 1105 Intro to Library and Information Science	APPROVED (B)

New requests

Foreign Language 1002, 2001, and 2002 in Area B	APPROVED
MUSC 1100	(Change in course description received as information only)
GEOL 2225 The Fossil Record	APPROVED (Area D.I. and D. II)
ANTH 2136 crosslisted with ENGL for Area E	(received as information only)
HIST 2111 US History to 1877	APPROVED
HIST 2112 US History since 1877	APPROVED

Dalton State College

Elimination of CMPS 1100	(received as information only)
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Darton College

CISM 2201 Fundamentals of Computer Applications	APPROVED (B)
COMM 2220 Introduction to Small Group Communications Darton College needs to clarify the area of the Core Curriculum for this course. Also, it must be clear that the course is not only for students in Learning Support.	
HIST 1111 Survey of World Civilization I	APPROVED
HIST 1112 Survey of World Civilization II	APPROVED

Georgia Perimeter College

Addition of Foreign Languages to Area B and C (Students should be warned that they may be taking additional hours if this option is chosen)	APPROVED
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Georgia Southwestern State University

ENGL 2115 Masterworks of World Literature	These courses were APPROVED, but the institution should use the common course numbers or provide a reason for the inappropriateness of the common numbers.
ENGL 2125 Masterworks of British Literature	
ENGL 2135 Masterworks of American Literature	

Georgia State University

MATH 1101 Math Modeling	APPROVED (A)
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Middle Georgia College

GEOL 1150 Field Studies in Biology	APPROVED (Area D.I and D.II)
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OMBUDSPERSON TRAINING: President Burran reported that responses to his survey of chief academic officers did not indicate a great demand for an ombudsperson training workshop at this time.

The meeting was adjourned.

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