

# Actions: Council on General Education

## Actions of the Council on General Education October 27-28, 2005 Georgia College & State University

Present: Jackie Thornberry, Robert Haney, Jack Morrell, George Stanton, Joe Crim, John Gaston, Elizabeth Ragsdale, William Fritz, James Burran, Cathie Hudson, Dorothy Zinsmeister

Absent: Wayne Mixon, Pete Silver

Guests: Dorothy Leland, Dan Papp

| Institution               | Course Subject & Number | Course Title  | Area | Lec-Lab-Credit hrs | Action Taken  |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|---|------|--------------------|---|
| Gainesville State College | PHIL 1502               | Intellectual Foundation of Modern Science             | B    | 2-0-2              | Action deferred: More detail in course syllabus needed <sup>1</sup>                   |
| Clayton State U           | COMM 1003               | Group Decision Making                                 | B    | 1-0-1              | Not Approved: Does not contain sufficient analytical and theoretical content          |
|                           | COMM 1004               | Group Decision Making Applications                    | B    |                    |   |
| NGC&SU                    | ENGL 2140               | Introduction to Gender Studies: Gender and Literature | C    | 3-0-3              | Approved  |
|                           | POLS 1150               | Global Citizenship                                    | B    | 2-0-2              | Approved  |
| CGCC                      | ANTH 1102               | Introduction to Anthropology                          | E    | 3-0-3              | Approved  |
| Bainbridge College        | ENGL 2131               | American Literature I                                 | C    | 3-0-3              | Approved  |
|                           | ENGL 2132               | American Literature II                                | C    | 3-0-3              | Approved  |
|                           | HNRS 1101               | Honors Colloquium                                     | B    | 3-0-3              | Not Approved: Course is designed for and restricted to a specific subset of students* |
| SSU                       | HUMN 1201               | Critical Thinking and Communication                   | B    | 3-0-3              | Approved  |

<sup>1</sup> Additional information submitted; course approved for Area B, December 19, 2005.

### Other Agenda items

1. The Council again endorsed the policy of not allowing orientation courses as part of the degree requirements in the core curriculum. Institutions wishing to offer orientation courses may do so, but they must be outside of the required 120-hour degree program.
2. \* After a rather spirited debate, the Council renewed its conviction that courses designed solely for honors students should not be allowed in the core curriculum. Sections of courses that are designated for honors students are acceptable.
3. Dan Papp spoke to the Council about undertaking a review of general education as part of the Retention, Progression and Graduation Initiative. He asked the Council to look at the composition, delivery, and quality and rigor of general education. He also asked that the Council examine general education for preparing students for education and work in the 21st century. Considerations of transferability between USG institutions will still be of paramount importance. In order to accomplish this work, the Council will expand participation on a temporary, ad hoc basis to include additional faculty who teach courses in the core curriculum.

The Council thanked Bob Haney and Dorothy Leland for hosting the meeting at Georgia College & State University. The next meeting is scheduled for March 23-24, 2006 at the University of Georgia.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 am.

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