

General Education Subcommittee
Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, 27 March 2003 at 3:30 p.m.

Present: Monika Brown, Susan Edkins, Paul Flowers, Lewis Hershey, Tom Leach, Jonathon Maisonpierre; regular guest Elizabeth Normandy

Excused: Wright Killian

Guests: Linda Hafer (Math), Steven Bukovy (Business)

1. Call to Order at 3:40 p.m.

2. -3. Approval of agenda and approval of last meeting's minutes (27 Feb 2003)

4. Curriculum proposal from Department of Mathematics and Computer Science --add MAT 215 Calculus with Applications to General Education Curriculum as math/sci. elective Discussion: Linda Hafer explained that MAT 215 is an alternative calculus course, suited to majors in biology, business, etc., which does not include trigonometry but also has MAT 107 as prerequisite. Subcommittee members proposed an amendment that MAT 215 also appear in the first tier of General Education as an option for the first math course for students who place out of MAT 107. As amended, the course proposal passed unanimously.

5. Old Business: Tom Leach reported on assessment planning, including a debriefing on the UNCG Assessment Workshop attended by S. Cabe, W. Gash, T. Leach and E. Normandy:

- a) Most other UNC campuses are about where we are in the assessment process, but NCSU is well underway and its web site has helpful information.
- b) NCSU will host a national Assessment Based Undergraduate Program Review Conference April 7-8. Liz Normandy and others from UNCP will attend and report back.
- c) Suellen Cabe and Liz Normandy are drafting a proposal to the Provost to appoint an advisory committee on assessment of student learning outcomes. Liz will forward a draft to us.

6. New Business: Request from Pat Cabe about the possibility of exempting Freshman Composition. Pat Cabe expressed his concern that some of his freshmen advisees are already proficient academic writers, and he requests that the University explore a mechanism for allowing such students to "test out" of ENG 105 and/or ENG 106 even if they have not taken the CLEP or AP tests (which currently allow them to place out of ENG 105 but not ENG 106). Monika Brown agreed to bring up this topic with the ETL Department and the Composition Committee.

7. Announcement: Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, 24 April 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in the Arts & Sciences Conference Room

8. Adjournment 4:40 p.m.

Monika Brown, Secretary