

# **Annual Report**

**2005-2006**

**General Education Committee  
Oakland University**

**Submitted by Dagmar Cronn, Chair  
June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006**

## **General Education Committee Executive Summary of Annual Report 2005-2006**

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### **Membership:**

**Faculty:** Dagmar Cronn, Chair (Chemistry), Cathleen Breidenbach (Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism), Debatosh Debnath (Computer Science), Andrea Eis (Art and Art History), Madelyn Kissock (Linguistics), Shawn Lombardo (Library), Sylvie Lombardo (Psychology), Don Mayer (Management and Marketing, Winter 2006 only), Stafford Rorke (Health Sciences, Fall 2005 only), Suzanne Spencer-Wood (Anthropology/Women's Study), Tomas Suda (Music, Theatre and Dance).

**Ex-officio:** Susan Awbrey (Vice Provost for Undergraduate Education), Carmen Etienne (Professional Advisors' Group), Jennifer Gilroy (Registrar liaison), Laura Schartman, liaison to GEC from Assessment Committee

**Student Representative:** None appointed

**Meetings:** The General Education Committee (GEC) continued to meet twice monthly during both the Fall 2005 and Winter 2006 semesters, due to a larger work load, especially to review new course materials for the new general education program. The committee corresponded via email to conduct its business during Summer 2006. The Committee met 8 times between September 1 and December 31, 2005 and 6 times between January 1<sup>st</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>. A single set of minutes documents the business conducted between May 1<sup>st</sup> and August 31<sup>st</sup>.

Minutes of general education committee meetings have now been placed on the committee's website back through Fall of 2000.

### **Petitions of Exception and Course Transfer Reviews for the General Education**

**Requirements:** The GEC reviewed 68 petitions of exception for general education requirements. Of these, 56 were approved and 12 were denied. Further breakdown by petition type is given below.

#### Basis for Approved Petitions

Advisor error: 10

1 credit waived: 13

One-time circumstances: 33

#### Basis for Denied Petitions

Course not acceptable: 11

Less than 31 GE credits: 1

The Committee reviewed 117 Transfer Course Equivalency requests against both old and new general education requirements. Of these, 55 were approved and 64 were denied (2 courses were approved for old and not new or vice versa).

**New Courses & Course Revisions:** The Committee approved an additional 114 courses in 2005-2006 academic year for the new General Education Program. Seven remain under review. Approximately 330 courses have been approved to meet requirements in the new program. Those approved fall into the areas below. (Note that some courses were approved for more than one area.)

Writing Foundation	1
Formal Reasoning	16
Art	17
Foreign Language and Culture (114s only)	11
Global Perspective	16
Literature	15
Natural Science and Technology	20
Social Sciences	16
Western Civilization	10
Knowledge Applications	49
US Diversity	43
Writing Intensive in General Education	29
Writing Intensive in the Major	95
Capstone	63

Nursing 280 was reviewed and approved to fulfill the ethnic diversity requirement in the old program.

Many policies have been determined as part of the enactment of the new General Education program. Many of these policies have been collected into a “frequently asked questions” Minutes of the meetings are attached to the hard copy of this report. Minutes back to Fall of 2000 are posted at <http://www2.oakland.edu/gened/committees.cfm>.