

Annual Report

2004-2005

**General Education Committee
Oakland University**

**submitted by Dagmar Cronn, Chair, Fall semester\
Madelyn Kissock, Chair, Winter semester
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General Education Committee Executive Summary of Annual Report 2004-2005

Submitted by Dagmar Cronn, Chair, Fall Semester and Madelyn Kissock, Chair, Winter Semester

Membership: *Fall 2004*

Faculty: Dagmar Cronn, Chair (Chemistry), Cathleen Breidenbach, Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism, Debatosh Debnath, Computer Science, Andrea Eis, Art and Art History, Gene Fliedner (Business Administration), Tomas Giberson (Human Resource Development), Madelyn Kissock (Linguistics), Don Mayer, Management and Marketing, Shannon McNair, Human Development and Child Study, Stafford Rorke (Health Sciences)

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

Student Representative: None appointed

Winter 2005

Faculty: Madelyn Kissock, Chair (Linguistics), Cathie Breidenbach (Rhetoric, Communication and Journalism), Debatosh Debnath (Computer Science and Engineering), Tomas Giberson (Education), Don Mayer (Business Administration), Shannan McNair (Education), Stafford Rourke (Health Sciences), Ron Tracy (Business Administration)

Ex-Officio: No changes

Student Representative: William Mullas

Meetings: The General Education Committee (GEC) met weekly during the Fall 2004 semester and twice monthly during the Winter 2005 semester, due to a larger work load, especially to review new course reviews under the new general education program. The committee corresponded via email regularly and was, occasionally, able to complete its business without face-to-face meetings. The Committee met 16 times between August 1 and December 31, 2005 and 11 times between January 1st and June 31st.

Petitions of Exception and Course Transfer Reviews for the General Education

Requirements: The GEC reviewed 62 petitions of exception for general education requirements. Of these, 45 were approved and 17 were denied. Further breakdown by petition type is given below.

Basis for Approved Petitions

Advisor error: 12

1 credit waived: 4

One-time circumstances: 29

Basis for Denied Petitions

Course not acceptable: 11
 Less than 31 GE credits: 3
 Other: 3

The Committee reviewed 126 Transfer Course Equivalency requests, and effective December 1, evaluated each course against both old and new general education requirements. Of these, 17 were judged not to satisfy the old general education area requirements in the relevant area and 24 in the new general education area. 35 were denied without specifying old or new program. 35 courses were approved to meet the old general education area requirements and 26 to meet the new general education requirements. 40 were approved without specifying old or new program. The Committee returned one TCE with no decision on the new program requirements and returned two TCE's to Records requesting more information before making a decision.

New Courses & Course Revisions: The Committee considered about 175 courses in fall semester and 41 courses in winter semester for the new General Education Program for a total of about 216 courses reviewed. Of the 41, 32 were approved and the remaining 9 are under revision. Those approved fall into the areas below. (Note that some courses were reviewed for more than one area.)

Writing Foundation	1
Formal Reasoning	12
Art	16
Foreign Language and Culture	32
Global Perspective	15
Literature	12
Natural Science and Technology	19
Social Sciences	18
Western Civilization	7
Knowledge Applications	28
US Diversity	25
Writing Intensive in General Education	22
Writing Intensive in the Major	44
Capstone	8

To accomplish the reviews needed during fall semester, 8 subcommittees were formed:

Arts/Literature
Formal Reasoning
Global Perspective/US Diversity
Knowledge Application
Natural Science and Technology
Social Science
Western Civilization
Writing/Foreign Language and Culture

No courses were evaluated for Capstone Experience until winter semester.

The roster of those who served on subcommittees is listed below.

The Committee moved to an entirely electronic system for course materials in winter 2005. This required some adjustments in the forms used for course submissions and in how course submissions were processed. Electronic submissions have streamlined the review process by allowing Committee members access to materials over email and giving departments the ability to quickly revise materials in response to initial reviews by the Committee

Triennial Reviews: No triennial reviews were conducted this year as all courses were being reviewed for the new program.

Minutes of the meetings are posted on the General Education Committee's web site at:
<http://www2.oakland.edu/gened/>

Senate slate		Version 1
General Education Committee Course Review Subcommittee Assignments		Fall 2004
	Committee Member	Subcommittee Assignment(s)
1	Cronn	Natural Science and Technology
2	Awbrey	Global Perspective/US Diversity* (Co-Chair)
3	Breidenbach	Writing/Foreign Language and Culture* (Chair)
4	Debatosh	Formal Reasoning (Chair)
5	Eis	Arts/Literature* (Chair)
6	Etienne	Writing/Foreign Language and Culture* (Co-Chair)
7	Fliedner	Western Civilization (Chair)
8	Giberson	Knowledge Application (Chair)
9	Kissock	Formal Reasoning (Co-Chair)
10	Mayer	Knowledge Application
11	McNair	Social Science (Chair)
12	Rorke	Natural Science and Technology (Chair)
13	Schartman	Arts/Literature* (Co-Chair)
14	Shablin	Social Science (Co-Chair)
	*combined subcommittees	
	Subcommittee	Members
1	Arts/Literature*	Cardiff, Condic, Eis (Chair), Patterson, Schartman (Co-Chair)
2	Formal Reasoning	Debnath (Chair), Kissock (Co-Chair), Schmidt
3	Global Perspective/US Diversity*	Wally Andersen (Chair), Awbrey (Co-Chair), Bertocci, Crum, Lombardo, Rorke
4	Knowledge Application	Giberson (Chair), Oakley, Mayer
5	Natural Science and Technology	Cronn, Goslin, Hitt, Penprase, Rorke (Chair)
6	Social Science	McNair (Chair), Reger, Shablin (Co-Chair), Sifonis, Stano
7	Western Civilization	Fliedner (Chair), Graves, Hastings
8	Writing/Foreign Language and Culture*	Breidenbach (Chair), Etienne (Co-Chair), Horning, Lepkowski, Rapin
	Capstone Experience	Subcommittee not being formed at this time
	*combined subcommittees	