

MEETING MINUTES
GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee

Meeting Date: Wednesday, October 22, 2008 at 3:50pm

In Attendance: Jeanette Redding, Christiane Mainzer, Shannon Ordonez (Chair)

Absent: Carolyn Dorrance, Floyd Martin

1. Reviewed MST R160 Introduction to Research, a revised course that is seeking inclusion in section A1 of Oxnard College's General Education. This course was previously a one unit lab-only course but is now 4 units (3 units of lecture, 1 unit of lab).

The committee read the criteria for section A. Natural Sciences, taken from the Title 5 section 55806, and the course outline for MST R160 and concluded that although the course clearly met the requirement that it helped "the student develop an appreciation and understanding of the scientific methods", it was not clear that it met the second criteria; encourage an understanding of the relationships between science and other human activities." The committee decided that this should be brought to the attention of the faculty author of this course outline, Lori Buckley, so that if this course actually does meet this criteria, she could make it more apparent in the outline. Without any changes to the course outline, this course will not be approved for GE section A1.