

MEETING MINUTES
GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee

Meeting Date: Tuesday, September 23, 2008 at 1:15pm

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

Absent: Carolyn Dorrance, Floyd Martin

1. Reviewed **ANTH R113 Ancient Civilizations of the Americas**, a revised course that is seeking inclusion in section F of Oxnard College's General Education, area D3 in the CSU GE-Breadth pattern, and 4C in IGETC; all ethnic studies areas. This course is currently approved for only OC GE B2, CSU GE D-1, and IGETC 4A; all social and behavioral/anthropology areas.

The committee read the criteria for section F, taken from the VCCCD Governing Board Policy Manual, and the course outline for ANTH R113 and concluded that the course content did not qualify it for section F. While the course clearly promotes "an awareness of diverse historical roots" and also "an appreciation of the cultural contributions of minorities", two of the requirements in the GE category description, the course was historical in nature and did not tie the past to the present. The course also did not "lead to an understanding of the causes and consequences of socio-economic inequality based on race, sex or ethnicity" nor did it "explore ways of eliminating such inequities" as required by the section F definition.

The committee reviewed other courses that are included in section F and it was easy to see from their catalog description how most met the criteria for the section. The committee decided that it was ok to propose it to the CSU for GE Breadth area D3 and IGETC area 4C since there was no harm in doing so. In addition, the committee agreed that if it were accepted by the CSU and UC, the committee would revisit its inclusion in area F.

2. Reviewed **ANTH R115 Introduction to Linguistics: Language, Culture & Society**, a revised course seeking inclusion in area B2 of Oxnard College's General Education, D1 & D3 of the CSU GE-Breadth, and IGETC area 4C. Currently, the course only appears on IGETC in area 4A and not on any other GE list.

The committee read the Title 5 definition of the Social and Behavioral Sciences category and determined that this course did indeed meet the criteria and should therefore be included in Oxnard College's GE pattern. The committee also agreed that placement on the CSU GE-Breadth list and an additional category on IGETC should be pursued.

3. The committee was given copies of the Charge/Philosophy/GE categories without the word "draft" on top per last year's meeting request.
4. The committee was given copies of Moorpark and Ventura's current General Education patterns, CSU GE lists, and IGETC lists, as well as Oxnard's most current lists.