

**General Education Committee
Minutes**

April 13, 2015

Present:	Mark Jacobson Melinda Tilton Matthew Queen Tom Regele Rosemarie Dugi TyRee Jenks	Bernie Quetchenbach Kurt Toenjes Jennifer Lynn Jodi Lightner Elizabeth Fullon Kari Rea (ex-officio)
Absent:	Mike Havens* Patricia Nichols*	Leanne Gilbertsen* Scott Harris*

*excused

Kurt Toenjes called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. in McMullen 209.

The minutes of March 9 were accepted as presented.

I. ITEM – FIRST READING

Item 93.a Gen Ed Course: M 161 Survey of Calculus. Submit for category I. A. Mathematics.

Don Wilathgamuwa, Math Department, stated that Bozeman has had this course for a long time. The course has less emphasis on proofs and more on methods and applications. They surveyed students and found about one third of our students could take this course, another third need to take M 171 Calculus I, and the last third were unclear since they had not declared a major. This new course will include parts of Calculus I, II, and III. The College of Business would like to add this course to their curriculum.

It was clarified that this would not work as a math prerequisite for most science majors. This course would work for students who test into the Calculus I level, but do not need Calculus I and II for their majors. Careful advising for this course will be important.

- Motion by Bernie Quetchenbach, seconded by Mark Jacobson to **approve Item 93.a on first reading.**

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Mark Jacobson, seconded by Jen Lynn to **waive second reading of Item 93.a.**

- Motion carried.

II. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

A. Biannual Gen Ed Course Review Update

We are still missing some, but more than half are in.

B. ETS Test Update

Dr. Quetchenbach is giving his during finals week, and any other students are welcome. All junior and senior Communication majors were emailed by the Department with a request/reminder to take the test. There will be a campus-wide testing time next week.

C. The Reduced Gen Ed Core (31 credits): How is it working?

Feedback from faculty seems to be positive. Many majors have added a second writing course, and the English faculty are coordinating special major-focused sections. The sciences department could not agree on a second writing course for science majors.

D. COMPASS Test Update

The Academic Senate did vote to end the usage of the COMPASS test for awarding credit for writing courses. A challenge mechanism for WRIT 101 is still in process, but students are no longer being given a "P" grade in WRIT 101 for earning a 99 or better on the COMPASS.

III. ANNOUNCEMENT

This Friday is the Undergraduate Research and Creativity Symposium. They currently have over 60 students entered, plus 24 art students in the juried art show. The program begins at 1:00 p.m. with the Chancellor speaking, and student oral presentations begin at 2:00 p.m. We are showcasing what we are already doing at MSUB!

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rita J. Rabe Meduna.