

## AY2006-2007 Faculty Senate Report

UNLV Faculty Senate General Education Committee

July 2006 through April 2007

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July 2006 Carryn Bellomo took over as chair of the GEC from David Hassenzahl. Information is not reported prior to her inception.

### Meetings and Attendance:

During the Fall and Spring semesters, the GEC met once per month. Fall meeting dates were: Aug 18, Sept 11, Oct 10, Nov 14, Dec 12. Spring meeting dates were (to this point): Feb 8, March 8, April 12. We have an additional meeting scheduled for May 10.

The following table indicates attendance for GEC members during this time.

Name	----- FALL 2006 -----					----- SPRING 2007 -----			
	Aug.18	Sept.11	Oct.10	Nov.14	Dec.12	Feb.8	Mar.8	April 12	May
Anderson, Ron	P	P	P	P	P	P	x	P	
Allen, Cathy	--	--	--	--	x	P	P	P	
Bellomo, Carryn	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Copeland, Angelina	P	P	x	P	P	x	P	P	
Dove, Ian	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Garcia, Jesus	x	P	P	P	x	x	P	P	
Erwin, Clarissa	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Farkas, Gisele	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	
Hein, Anne	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Johnson, Kimberly	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	
Juneau, Gayle	P	x	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Larson, Gary	P	x	P	P	P	P	P	P	
MacDonald, Joanie	P	P	P	P	P	x	P(proxy)	P	
Miloykov, Stan	--	--	P	x	x	x	x	x	
Piechota, Thomas	P	P	P	x	x	P	x	x	
Ramdeen, Collin	x	x	P	P	P	P	P	P	
Rosenberg, Beth	x	x	P	P	x	P	P	P	
Stover, Scott	P	x	P	P	P	P	x	x	
Sunata, Cem	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	

(P = present, x = absent, -- = not applicable)

December 2006, at the discretion of the chair due to lack of attendance, Virko Baley was replaced with Cathy Allen as the representative for Fine Arts.

Meeting minutes are available online.

### Current Discussions:

In addition to its usual duties of student petitions and course submissions, the GEC continues to refine policy and procedure, as well as review courses considered part of the core.

## **Progress on Charges:**

### ***Website***

Since July, the GEC has completely revamped the website. The site now contains a wealth of information for the UNLV campus. <http://www.unlv.edu/committees/gec>

### ***Review of Courses***

As a result of discrepancies between GEC documentation and the catalog regarding courses listed as multicultural/international, the GEC reviewed these courses. Memos were sent to chairs when courses were deemed inappropriate. Some of the courses are still being revamped. Any changes will take effect Fall 2008 with the new catalog. These lists (current and historical references) are now kept on the GEC website. This is an ongoing process.

### ***Math 121***

A new mathematics course (Math 121) has been put in place to accommodate the math disabled student. Item number 3 of the “Standard Practices for Considering Student Petitions” (located on the GEC website) was modified to indicate this policy. Successful completion of this pass/fail course will be a substitution for a disabled students’ core math requirement.

### ***Policy for Submitting Courses***

We developed, initiated and revised a new “Procedure for Submitting Courses as Multicultural/International.” The procedure and appropriate form are available on the GEC website.

We also developed and initiated a new “Procedure for Submitting Courses as Meeting Core Requirements.” The procedure and appropriate form are available on the GEC website.

### ***Advising Subcommittee***

The “Advising Subcommittee,” which was formed under a different chair (they review transfer courses as multicultural/international), was provided with bylaws and operational procedures, each of which are available on the GEC website.

### ***Courses Considered***

The GEC considered the following petitions (next page) for courses to be considered Multicultural. The notation “(rev)” indicates the course was part of the *Review of Courses* as mentioned previously. In addition, five courses are pending action (we are awaiting approval from the curriculum committee).

Course Number. Title	Semester Submitted	Action
<b>COMPLETED:</b>		
BIOL 120. Plants and People	FL06	Denied
BIOL 120. Plants and People	SP07	Denied
HIS 495. Special Topics in Gender and History	FL06 (rev)	Denied
HMD 376E. Hotel Operations of the Hawaiian Island	FL06 (rev)	Approved
HON 100. Honors Rhetoric	FL06 (rev)	Denied
HON400. America and Lincoln	FL06	Approved
HON400. Food Writing: History and Practice	SU06	Denied
HON400. Portrait of Chicano/a Culture in the US	SU06	Approved
MFT225. Multicultural Issues and Therapy	FL06	Approved
PSC 401F (formerly 415). Public Opinions and Politi	FL06 (rev)	Denied
SOC 453/653. Gender and Society	FL06	Denied
SOC473/673. Sociology of Mental Disorders	FL06	Approved
THTR 223. Theatre for Senior Adults: Practical Appl	FL06 (rev)	Denied

The GEC considered the following petitions for courses to be considered International. Again, the notation “(rev)” indicates the course was part of the *Review of Courses* as mentioned previously. In addition, thirteen courses are pending action (we are awaiting approval from the curriculum committee).

Course Number. Title	Semester Submitted	Action
<b>COMPLETED:</b>		
AIS 101. Introduction to Asian Studies	SP07	Approved
ANTH 430 Anthropology and Ecology	SP07	Denied
ANTH 433. Theories of Culture Change (prev. Psych	FL06 (rev)	Denied
ANTH 469 Evolution and Biology of Human Behavior	SP07	Denied
ANTH 106 Introduction to Anthropological Linguistic	SP07	Denied
ANTH 485 Language and Culture	SP07	Denied
FAB 366. The Foods and Wines of Europe	FL06 (rev)	Denied
FAB 470. Global Food and Nutrition Issues	SP07	Approved
Foreign Language Courses to be listed explicitly	FL06 (rev)	Approved
HIST 209. World History II	FL06	Approved
HIST 227 / formerly 143. Latin American	FL06 (rev)	Denied
HIST 492A. Women in Early Modern Europe	FL06 (rev)	Denied
HON400IH. Latino Literature and Culture	SU06	Approved
HON400IH. State Terrorism and Human Rights in La	SU06	Approved
HSIT103. Global Problems in Historical Perspective	FL06	Denied
MUS 121. Music Appreciation	FL06 (rev)	Denied
NURS 474. Medical Anthropology	FL06 (rev)	Denied
PSC 407Z. Special Topics in Comparative Politics	FL06 (rev)	Denied
SOC488/688. Architectural Sociology	FL06	Denied
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TCA 376F (formerly 376C). European Travel and To	FL06 (rev)	Denied
WMST 492A. Women’s Role in European History I	FL06 (rev)	Denied

These courses (along with notes of decisions made) are listed in the “members” section of the website under “History of Multicultural and International.”

The GEC also considered two courses to be considered part of the core. MFT 150 (Personal Growth) was petitioned to be included as a social science. This course was conditionally approved as a social science and when compliant will be forwarded to faculty senate. American Sign Language was also considered as a humanities course, per request of the chair of Faculty Senate. The course was approved as a transfer to humanities (UNLV does not currently offer this course).

### ***Student Petitions***

For privacy purposes, student names and outcomes will not specifically be listed. Contact the GEC chair for additional information, if needed. Summer and Fall 2006 the GEC reviewed 43 student petitions (26 approved, 4 denied, 10 passed to another governing body, and 3 requests for additional information).

Spring 2007 (through April 13th) the GEC reviewed 19 student petitions (12 approved, 2 denied, 4 passed to another governing body, and 1 request for additional information).

Calendar year 2006 the Advising Subcommittee reviewed 293 petitions. Of these petitions, 42.3% were International (28.7% approved, 13.7% denied), and 56.7% were Multicultural (47.4% approved, 9.2% denied).

To this point in calendar year 2007, the Advising Subcommittee reviewed 30 petitions. Of these petitions, 50% were International (43.3% approved, 6.7% denied), and 50% were Multicultural (40% approved, 10% denied).

## **Recommendations on Charges:**

### ***Catalog Changes***

With the implementation of the new catalog, it is requested that the GEC (with input from faculty and advisors) significantly improve upon the language used in the catalog. It has come to our attention that there are discrepancies, errors, and general confusion in the section on “Academic Policies.”

### ***Roles and Responsibilities***

While the GEC is developing procedures for implementing changes to the core, it is not clear to us how the committee fits within the overall picture of Faculty Senate and the University as a whole. Currently, we see ourselves as a recommending body, however, a clear outline would be helpful.

Also, it seems there is overlap between the GEC, the Curriculum Committee, the Director of General Education and the Director of Assessment. Guidelines to specify roles and responsibilities would be helpful, and efforts for cross-collaboration would also benefit all involved.

It is also not clear to the GEC who maintains control over various sites regarding general education on the UNLV website. We have (on occasion) found conflicting information.