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GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

4 April 2006 8:30 a.m.

Main 323 L

Excused: Joyce Kinhead, Ryan Dupont, Spencer Watts

1. Approval of Minutes of March 7 2006 meeting.
 - a. Moved and seconded for approval
2. Course approvals
 - a. Hist 4821, World War II in Asia, approved for DHA
 - b. Hist 4890, Cold War in Asia, approved for DHA
 - c. Thea 3400 and 3450 held over pending further information from the department
3. All the Gen Ed area committees have now submitted their articulation recommendations on Southern Virginia University. Ryan Dupont reports that the Science committee gives "reluctant approval" because they lack sufficient information.
4. General Education Course Review Policy
 - a. The proposed policy was approved, Richard Culter moving and Tom Peterson seconding.

The policy reads as follows:

The General Education Subcommittee reserves the right to review the syllabi and instructors of all USU courses, and all courses used for Breadth and Depth in the University Studies Program, at five year intervals or under the following circumstances:

1. Whenever a new person is assigned to teach the course.
2. Whenever there is a significant change in the course content.
3. Whenever the course has not been taught for at least three years.
4. Whenever the course evaluations are low enough that there is cause for concern.

The review will ask if the syllabus of the course meets the expectations of the University Studies Program. The Subcommittee has the authority to remove a course or an instructor from University Studies offerings.

- b. It was agreed that next fall the committee will create a process for the 5 year course reviews.

5. Information Literacy Syllabi Audit
 - a. Wendy Holliday presented the findings of the audit she and Pam Martin conducted on Gen Ed syllabi ([see attached](#))
 - b. The committee agreed that next year we need to revisit the Information Literacy expectations in Gen Ed courses, bringing them in line with current technologies and educating faculty about how to implement them in their syllabi.
6. The Committee agreed to meet in late August in order to have action items ready for the first meeting of the EPC in the fall.
7. Mark Brunson is going on sabbatical and changing assignments in the College of Natural Resources. He requests that he be replaced on the Committee and as Chair of Social Sciences.