

Minutes
University Council on General Education
September 19, 2007 Meeting

In Attendance: Professors Ken Hamilton, Victoria Lockwood, Beth Newman, Pamela Patton, Pia Vogel, Milton Gosney, and Wayne Woodward; for Associate Dean Jennifer Haden; Associate Dean Gary Moskowitz; Associate Dean Robb Pocklington; University Honors Program Director David D. Doyle; Student Representative Kyle Yarberry; Acting Associate Dean Jim Gerhardt; and Assistant to the Associate Dean for General Education Julian Guevara.

Review of Council Minutes

Dr. Gerhardt asked the Council to review the minutes for the meeting of September 5, 2007. The minutes were amended and approved.

Course Proposals

Perspectives/Behavioral Science/Human Diversity: Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples, and Nation States (ANTH 4309), submitted by Van Kemper on 9/18/07). This course was recently approved by the Undergraduate Council. A discussion followed to try to clarify what "Indigenous" meant and who the focus of the course was on. Given that no more than 30 words are allowed as a course description on *access.smu* there is not enough room to better define the word "Indigenous" in the course description; no conclusion was made. Another concern with this course was that it was a 4000 level course requesting a Perspectives credit. Traditionally, the Council does not like to approve Perspectives courses that are not at the introductory level. This course may involve working with 6000 level students which is why ANTH opted to designate it as a 4000 level course. After further discussion a motion was made to approve ANTH 4309 as a Perspectives-Behavioral Science/Human Diversity offering; the motion was seconded and **approved**.

Cultural Formations: Contemporary East Asian Cinema, 1997-Present (CF 33XX), *re-submitted* by Kevin Heffernan on 9/18/07. Gerhardt said that the professor made an attempt to resubmit the proposal on the new form but due to computer problems he could not. Consequently, we have the original proposal and responses to the Council's the main concerns were attached to the readings. Gerhardt proposed that if there were no issues other than the use of an outdated form, was the Council willing to accept this course as a Cultural Formations offering due to semester enrollment deadlines? A motion was made to approve CF 33XX as a Cultural Formations; the motion was seconded and **approved**.

The Council adjourned its meeting at 3:35pm.

Council members received the following documents:

1. Agenda;
2. Minutes for September 5, 2007;
3. New and revised course proposals, see item 3a, and 3b;
 - a. **Perspectives/Behavioral Science/Human Diversity:** Human Rights, Indigenous Peoples, and Nation States (ANTH 4309), submitted by Robert Van Kemper on 9/18/07
 - b. **Cultural Formations:** Contemporary East Asian Cinema, 1997-Present, (CF 33XX) submitted by Kevin Heffernan on 4/26/07