

**Minutes**  
**University Council on General Education**  
**October 24, 2007 Meeting**

***In Attendance:*** Professors Ken Hamilton, Victoria Lockwood, Beth Newman, Pamela Patton, Pia Vogel, Bill Barnard, and Wayne Woodward; Associate Dean Gary Moskowitz; Pamela Chiu for Associate Dean Robb Pocklington; 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 19, 2007. The minutes were approved as written.

***Visit with Dean Jim Dunham***

Dunham requested to meet with the Council to discuss the way the economics requirement is setup for certain engineering school majors. Dunham explained that with the previous version of the Degree Progress Report called Degree Status Report, courses were separated and economics courses were populating correctly on the report. When SMU upgraded to the current Degree Progress Report, it lost some of the force matches. Each semester, there are forty to sixty students that are affected by this setup. Dunham seeks support from the Council to request that Registrar's Office make this correction on the Degree Progress Report. One of the concerns with this change is that if the course is an automatic force match, the student will not take a course outside his/her field of study to fulfill this requirement. A major reason for Perspectives courses was indeed to encourage the student to take courses outside the major. The opposing argument is that this is the way this particular major was set up for many years before the Degree Progress Report was in place. A motion was made to support Dean Dunham's request to meet with the Registrar's Office and make the necessary correction. The motion was seconded and approved.

***Course Proposal***

**Cultural Formations:** Sustainable Living (CFA 33XX/ANTH 3385), submitted by Robert Van Kemper on October 19, 2007. Although the course proposal was submitted on an outdated form, the Council went on to review the proposal. The problem the Council encountered is that because it was submitted on the old form, there are missing elements that will better support this proposal. The section "PART II" is missing as well as how the course is inter-disciplinary. The Council tabled the proposal and asked the course proposal be re-submitted on the more current form.

The Council adjourned its meeting at 4:01pm.

Council members received the following documents:

1. Agenda;
2. Minutes for September 19, 2007;
3. New course proposal, see item 3a;
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