

**Minutes**  
**University Council on General Education**  
**April 9, 2008 Meeting**

***In Attendance:*** Professors Ben Wallace, Milton Gosney, Pamela Patton, Joe Kobyłka, Ken Hamilton, Rick Worland, Bill Barnard, and Wayne Woodward; Associate Dean Robb Pocklington; University Honors Program Director David D. Doyle; Associate Dean Jennifer Haden; Acting Associate Dean Jim Gerhardt; and Assistant to the Associate Dean for General Education Julian Guevara.

***Review of Council Minutes***

Gerhardt asked the Council to review the minutes for the meeting of March 19, 2008. The minutes were approved as written.

***Lunch with Dean Brettell***

Gerhardt needs a response from everyone to confirm a Lunch with Dean Brettell.

***GEC Exemption for Computer Science Degree Plan with Associate Dean Jim Dunham (continued from March 19<sup>th</sup> meeting)***

Dunham reintroduced the discussion of a proposal to grant an exemption of 6.0 hours of GEC Cultural Formations and/or Perspectives for the Computer Science major, as is already permitted for the Computer Engineering major and other majors in the School of Engineering. Dean Dunham distributed a document including useful background information, and underscored the need for this exemption (see 3/19/08 minutes):

*“The exemption for Computer Engineering was established earlier because accreditation requirements for that degree program, plus standard GEC requirements, extended that major beyond 122 term-credit-hours. Accreditation for Computer Science can be accomplished currently within standard 122-hour degree requirements. The new exemption would accommodate additional major requirements that the Engineering faculty believe would strengthen the preparation the Computer Science program affords its students; further, they anticipate that Computer Science accreditation will require this adaptation in the near future.”*

Many Council members agreed that they were not fond of the idea of having to waive any hours of Cultural Formations. However, Council members agreed that it would be unfair to not allow such an exemption for Computer Engineering students when the faculty approved similar requests for other Engineering majors as well as performing arts majors in Art, Dance, and Theatre in the Meadows School of the Arts.

A motion was made to approve an exemption of 3 hours of Perspectives and another 3 hours of Perspectives or 3 hours of Cultural Formations for Computer Science majors; the motion was seconded and approved.

Dean Gerhardt then introduced and discussed the other handouts that were distributed.

The meeting concluded with Gerhardt thanking everyone for their time and effort dedicated to the Council.

The Council adjourned its meeting at 4:05pm.

Council members received the following documents:

1. Agenda;
2. Minutes for March 19, 2008;
3. The following handouts from Gerhardt
  - I. Fall CF offerings, 2006-08

- A. CF courses, Fall 2006-2008.xls
  
- II. GEC probation for students delaying completion of Fundamentals courses.
  - B. GEC probation ltr.doc
  
- III. Daily Campus survey of students' opinions about the General Education Curriculum.
  - c. DC 3-27-08/GECurriculum up for debate
  - d. DC Survey of GE Curriculum.doc
  - e. Further comments.doc
  
- IV. Creighton University's "College 101" course.
  - f. Creighton College RSP\_101\_Master\_Syllabus.pdf
  - g. Creighton College Goals