

# Minutes

General Education Council  
Friday, October 20, 2006

## **Attendance:**

Mohktar Atallah, Gail Cruise, Isabel Espinal, Ginger Etinde, Randall Knoper, Mark Leckie, Ernest May, Dori McCracken

## **Minutes:**

There was a correction to the minutes of 9/22. The second sentence under “Open Discussion” should have read: “...This will be a new criterion for the University’s upcoming NEASE accreditation...” The minutes were then approved by the Council.

## **Voting:**

The Council concluded that Military Science 290A, “Iraq, Understanding a Complex Country in Complex Times” needed a better explanation of how it would meet the requirements for an interdisciplinary course, more information on how it would promote critical thinking, and the HS form, if indeed it is intended to fulfill the Historical Studies requirement instead. The writing aspect seemed fine and it met the expectations for the diversity (G) requirement.

Engin 190X, “Engineering the Ancient World” will need to answer the questions on Form F and will need further explanation on critical thinking and how the course meets GenEd goals.

Physics 190Q, “Einstein’s Dice”, was approved with the following recommendations: show grading procedure, how work is assigned and GenEd objectives.

## **Quinquennial Reviews:**

The Council advised that Andy follow-up with John Cunningham regarding getting the list of courses that are scheduled for the next cycle of Q-reviews. It was also suggested that Andy be the contact person regarding any upcoming Diversity grant proposals for this year.

## **Open Discussion:**

There was an in-depth discussion regarding On-line, Distance Learning. It was noted that the demand for online international courses were growing. The Council also suggested that not only should criteria for GenEd courses should be posted along with online courses, but a document should also be created to list how the online course meets the GenEd requirements. The University of Maryland GenEd standard will be reviewed. Richard Yuretich, from Geosciences, will be called upon by the Council for guidance, since he has prior experience converting a face to face course into an online course.

**Next Meeting:** Friday November 17, 2006 at 2:30 PM, in the Chancellor’s Board Room, 370 Whitmore.