

## General Education Standing Senate Committee Report

Friday, Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>

Chair: Jeff Pietruszynski

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### Scheduled Meetings:

Since the last Senate Report, the GE committee has met several times both in-person and via e-mail.

The General Committee will begin meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month in Hill Hall 219. The next Meeting is: October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### Academic Year 2008-2009

- **Association of American Colleges and Universities (AACU) Institute on General Education**
  - Under the approval of Dr. Byers and with the help of members of the GE Committee, WVSU applied for admittance to the above institute. We were accepted and will be sent a team to Minneapolis, MN from May 30<sup>th</sup> to June 4<sup>th</sup> (2008)
  - The focus the institute was assessment and possible revision of GE curriculum.
  - Other schools included in the institute were:
    - University of Wisconsin System
    - Appalachian State
    - Drake University
    - Edgewood College
    - Kent State, and several others...
  - Team Members: Dr. Pietruszynski (Leader), Dr. Ladner, Dr. Armstrong, Ms. Dean.
  - A final report was given to Dr. Byers and is available in Dr. Pietruszynski's office. In October of last year the team also presented information at an Academic Affairs sponsored lecture / discussion.
- **Curriculum**
  - Several classes were added to the GE curriculum as Library Skills courses (list also available in the EPC reports) : **Biology 108, Biology 411, English 315, CJ 425**
  - **Physics 106** was also approved as an addition to the GE curriculum.
- **GE 100 and GE 200**
  - Each section was overloaded by 2-3 students and most classes were taught by Full-Time faculty members.

### Academic Year 2009 – 2010

- **Assessment**
  - The focus of the GE committee this year will be on assessment and will work directly with the new Assessment Director. Several of the ideas from attendance at the AACU Institute will be used.
- **GE 100 and GE 200**
  - Like last year, are once again operating at overloads in every class. Again, more classes are being taught by Full-Time faculty as either an overload or part of their teaching load.
- **Make-up of GE Committee**
  - Currently, Kanawha Valley Technical College holds 3 voting positions on the GE committee. As we are no longer linked with KVTC, members of the GE committee asked if we should change the make-up of the committee. No formal motion was created as the committee was unsure of the steps to do this.