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# CWU General Education Committee Minutes - 01/10/11

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**Central Washington University  
General Education Committee  
January 10, 2011  
Minutes**

Present: Phil Backlund, James Beaghan, James Bisgard, Cynthia Coe, Toni Čuljak, Duane Dowd, Sharon Rosell, Tracy Pellett, Scott Carlton and Sheryl Grunden.

Absent: Thomas Tenerelli

Guests: None

The meeting was convened by Chair Toni at 3:15 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda – Phil moved to approve agenda as amended. Motion was seconded and approved.

Approval of Minutes for November 29, 2010 – Duane moved to approve the minutes with the change of “shirt” to “shift” in 5<sup>th</sup> paragraph second page. Motion was seconded and approved.

Announcements - None

Geology 103 to replace Geology 102 – Nick Zenter presented why Geology would like to make this change. It makes more sense to teach Washington geology rather than national parks. GEOG 103 for GEOG 102 under the breadth area of Patterns and Connections in the Natural World. Course change was approved.

FS 337 – request to remove W designation – The course are sections of 60-70 students and is not feasible to have the amount of writing and the information that needs to be provided in these large sections. The committee approved removing FS 337 W designation.

Gen Ed Discussion – June 2007 draft and other information.

ABS 110 & ENG 110 prerequisite – Literature and humanities uses ENG 101 as a pre-requisite. Do we want to require all W courses to require ENG 101 as a pre-req. Don't have enough seats in ENG 101 and can create a road block.

Pre-requisites for W courses – put on agenda for the next meeting. Using ENG 101 as a pre-requisite and look at reducing the required W courses from 4 to 3.

Possible have John Swiney give presentation to committee – schedule John to come speak with the committee on January 24<sup>th</sup>. Toni reported that the Executive Committee met with John Swiney regarding the type of students we have at Central. One of the ideas is we have got to stop pretending that students should know what

they don't know. English department is looking at reducing 101 and 102 and step back and work more on grammar than a research paper. Can make a graduation requirement a discipline based writing course. English department will develop a technical writing course if needed. Research papers and documentation structure is different for different disciplines. Toni asked to have John come in to speak to the committee about the profile of our students.

Freshman Experience – Ran out of time, will be on next agenda.

University College – Toni hasn't had a chance to speak with Charlotte Tullos about this subject.

Petitions/appeals (if any) – none

Next meeting June 2007 proposal from Patsy. June 2007 “white paper”.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Next meeting January 24, 2011