

General Education Requirement Task Force  
Meeting on January 21, 2005

Members Present: John Ambrose, Ken Esbenshade, Laura Severin, Sara Ash,  
Chris Gould, March Krotee, Louis Hunt, Subhash Batra, Allen Dupont  
Guest: Carrie Zelna

Minutes of the December 14, 2004 meeting were approved.

We reviewed the latest version of the Undergraduate Mission Statement, the  
General Education Mission Statement, and the GER Rationale.

It was recommended that "NC State University" be spelled out in the  
Undergraduate Mission Statement.

The GER Mission Statement was approved with no changes.

Several issues came up with respect to the GER Rationale:

The phrase "university student's" in the last line was questioned, as we have  
non-traditional students here also.

The clauses are not consistent in their structure.

The task force wanted a stronger statement about social sciences and their place  
in general education at NCSU.

It was decided (after much interesting and lively discussion) to ask Mike Carter  
to develop another draft with these comments in mind, and to meet again in the  
near future.

Discussion turned to how to "roll out" the Mission Statements and Rationale once  
they are approved by the Task Force. It was agreed that we should go to as  
wide an audience as possible, including but not limited to college curriculum  
committees, departmental curriculum committees, undergraduate coordinator  
meetings, deans, associate deans, and department chairs.

It was suggested that the statements be accompanied by an explanatory  
document that would give some background on how the Task Force got to this  
point. However, no decision was made on this issue.

It was suggested that we might implement a campus wide survey, but only to  
ask about implementation issues. No decision was made on this issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Allen Dupont