

GERTF: Summer Session 2:

July 13, 2006
Ricks 308
1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Present: Mike Carter, Ken Esbenshade, Dan Robison, Carrie Zelna, Jose Picart, Marian McCord, Jo-Ann Cohen, Sarah Ash, Laura Severin, Allen Dupont, John Ambrose.

The second summer session of the GER Task Force was convened at 1:05 p.m. After examination, Laura Severin moved to approve the May 26, 2006 and July 5, 2006 minutes.

- May 26, 2006 minutes were approved without changes.
- July 5, 2006 minutes:
 - Revision – on page 4 of the July 5 minutes, strike the “6-9 hour” statement and keep the rest as the “*GE program will contain no more than 36 hours including free electives as in framework.*”
- July 5, 2006 minutes were approved with above revision.

1 – Motion to discuss the categories detailed in the July 5th meeting as described in the framework. Motion passed:

A lengthy discussion commenced among Task Force members concerning the July 5 motion of “36 hours including free electives” as a foundation framework for GER. They agreed to start looking at the minimum of what they would like students to come away with as NCSU graduates and think about the best way to meet these competencies. The Task Force discussed the previous 8 objectives (drawn from the GERTF Rationale document) and how to reorganize or restructure them in a more comprehensive manner that would be recognizable to students, faculty, and the community. The Task Force also discussed how to balance the needs of the different students on campus, Natural Science & Math students, Humanities and Social Sciences students, etc. The group discussed different scenarios for setting up GE requirements and distributions.

Dr. Ambrose also shared with the group a FYC Document looking at First Year Courses “Impact of transferring to another major” and the NCSU policy on Credit-only Courses (REG02.20.15).

The Task Force discussed their options for taking a proposal out to campus to get community feedback. After further discussion, the Task Force agreed it would be best to come up with a more structured proposal to take out and share with peers and the community.

2 - Laura Severin presented a revised framework using traditional GE categories and moved for approval.

The Task Force discussed Laura’s presentation focusing on the use of more traditional categories and distribution of credits. The proposed framework would provide the

opportunity to focus assessment efforts on the interdisciplinary parts of the plan including the FYE, Capstone, and themes.

Laura Severin's Proposed GER Framework:

Categories:	Hours:
Humanities & Fine Arts	6
Social and Behavioral Sciences	6
Natural Sciences and Mathematics (INCLUDING) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o 1 science with a lab o 1 mathematics 	13
Healthy Living	2
English 101	4
First-year Experience & Capstone	5
Free Electives	3
Total:	39

Laura moved to approve the acceptance of the proposed categories and distribution as seen above. Motion was approved unanimously.

3 - The Task Force moved to approve the Foreign Language proficiency requirement remain as it is in the current General Education Requirement.

a. Task Force approved unanimously.

4 – The Task Force moved to approve the removal of the Computer Literacy requirement from the General Education requirement. Task Force approved unanimously. An advisory statement on computer literacy will be provided for the colleges.

5 – Task Force Member Jose Picart is going to develop a statement combining the emphasis on diversity and global knowledge elements for the August meeting.

6 – For next time:

- o Discuss the introductory First Year Experience Course
- o Discuss themes
- o Announce meeting place for the scheduled August meeting.
- o Dr. Ambrose thanked the Task Force for their hard, cooperative effort in today's meeting.

Meeting closed at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa McConnell.