

# Memo

To: Faculty Senate  
From: Cecelia M. Wigal, General Education Committee Chair  
Date: April 2006  
Re: General Education Committee 2005-2006 Report

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Review of General Education Committee activities for 2005 – 2006.

- Reviewed 23 student petitions (see Attachment A). The number of petitions is half of that reviewed last year. The decrease in number is due to the new petitions process designed last year and put into affect this year.
- Completed reviews of 3 courses for recertification. One course review is schedule for completion by the end of the Spring 06 semester. All reviewed courses were recertified. (see Attachment B)
- Reviewed 10 Probation status courses for recertification (see Attachment C). All courses were recertified.
- Reviewed 1 General Education Curriculum Proposal
- Revised/updated the General Education website
- Continued progress toward the development of a General Education assessment process to support SACS  
*This action will be continued into next year with expected completion of Spring 2007.*
- Revised the General Education Course Certification Process for clarification and to support of the General Education Assessment process. The new process should be placed on the website by the end of the semester.
- Suggested a revision to the course recertification procedure to support the General Education Assessment Process. The suggested changes will be made to the procedure prior to the present Chair leaving her responsibilities.
- Solidified the list of General Education competencies  
*The list will be presented to the Faculty next year as part of the General Education Assessment process.*
- Initiated the General Education Statistics Subcommittee to discuss the Gen Ed statistics requirements and their applicability to UTC's Gen Ed competency desires.
- Reviewed the proposed Waiver/Substitution Policy for People with Disabilities and made recommendations to the Provost.
- Initiated the development of a policy to allow students to test out of ENGL 122. The proposed policy was recently received and will be reviewed at the last General Education meeting of the semester.

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As can be seen from the above accomplishments the General Education Committee is very hard working. They take their responsibility seriously and include others such as Dick Gruetzmacher, Linda Orth, and Michelle Rigler in their information gathering and issue solving process. But they are not too serious and have made this year a joy for me as the Chair. The sharing that occurs between colleagues and the resulting learning and personal growth is a great benefit of this committee. This committee truly exemplifies why general education is important to our students and the faculty.

Respectfully Submitted

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