

BERGEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Committee on General Education

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From: Dr. George Cronk, Chair, Committee on General Education

To: BCC Faculty Senate

Subject: GE Comm Report to Faculty Senate

Recently, the Committee on General Education has been working on the development of a new policy for adding courses to or deleting courses from the BCC list of courses approved for the purposes of general education. The attached draft of the new policy was approved by the Committee on April 27, 2004.

The current phase of this project is the development of written criteria for defining a GE course, as mentioned in item 6 of the attached policy statement.

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Determining the General Education Status of a BCC Course: Policy and Process

1. Moratorium on course considerations until the Committee has completed this work.
2. The GE Committee will consider existing courses only (i.e., courses that have been approved for inclusion in the BCC Catalog and that have been assessed by NJTransfer and Rutgers/ARTSYS).
3. The GE course list will include college-level courses only.
4. Courses must fit into the structure of the BCC GE program (Communication, Humanities, Mathematics & Computer Science, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences, Wellness and Exercise Science).
5. Course proposals to the Committee must be in accord with the Curriculum Committee's 1999 "Guide to Successful Curriculum Development and Change" (as and if amended) and with the GE Syllabus Guidelines adopted by the Faculty Senate in 2003. Perhaps additional forms for this specific purpose will also be developed.
6. Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the Committee's (to be developed) written criteria for defining a GE course. These criteria should be based on (or at least be consistent with the official goals and objectives of the GE program [1998]) and should include course GE transferability as a (not necessarily dispositive) factor ("a decent respect to the opinions of [academia]....," but....).
7. Courses currently on the GE course list will also be re-evaluated for retention or deletion on the basis of this new policy.
8. Proposals and resolutions on this matter approved by the GE Committee shall proceed directly to the Faculty Senate for final approval.