

Dr. George Cronk  
Chair, BCC Committee on General Education  
Report to Faculty Senate  
5/23/06

1. Committee members, 2005-2006: Roanne Angiello, Andrew Baddish, Amparo Coddling, Louis Crescitelli, George Cronk (Chair), Judi Davis, Peter Dlugos, Dorothy Giglietta, Jean Goldstein, Grace Gomez (SGC), Joshua Guttman, Compton Jenkins, Thomas Jewell, Anne Maganzini, Ron Mazurek, Rubil Morales-Vazquez, Michael Orlando, Sandeep Patel (PTK), AVP Gary Porter (ex officio), Lynn Schott, Andrew Tomko, Patricia Denholm (ex officio)
  
2. GE website – [www.bergen.edu/gened](http://www.bergen.edu/gened) - updated throughout the year.
  - NJ Statewide Articulation Agreement Between Two-Year and Four-Year Colleges and Universities
  - New GE Course Certification Process (approved by Faculty Senate on 12/14/04)
  - Required Syllabus Format for BCC General Education Courses
  - All GE Committee meeting minutes since October 3, 1996
  - Other materials
  
3. Major developments in 2005-2006:
  - a. Fall 2005: Statewide General Education Work Group Conference at BCC on Friday, October 28. The Conference Program can be accessed from the General Education website. Conference Planning Committee: George Cronk, Judi Davis, Pat Denholm, Dorothy Giglietta, Jean Goldstein, Lynn Schott.
  
  - b. New Diversity Course Policy: Developed by a GE sub-committee chaired by Professor Thomas Jewell (other members: Peter Dlugos, Alan Kaufman, Bill Morales, and Paula Williams). Final version approved by the GE Committee on 2/28/06. New policy approved by the Faculty Senate on 3/21/06. The GE Committee is now preparing to implement the new policy as of the 2006-2007 academic year. The new policy will be posted on the General Education website by 7/1/06.
  
  - d. GE course syllabus evaluation/assessment on the basis of the GE Course Certification Process approved by the Faculty Senate on 12/14/04.

6/22/05: Email memo from George Cronk to Department Heads and Divisional Deans on the GE course syllabus assessment project advising them that the departmental syllabi for all GE courses must be updated and revised to make them as well-coordinated as possible with the college's GE standards and policies. This updating and revising is necessary in order to enable the GE Committee to do a careful and complete assessment of all courses currently listed as GE courses at BCC.

As of 3/22/06, the GE Committee had received 51 GE course syllabi. There are 160 courses on the list of BCC GE courses.

As of 4/25/06, the GE Committee had assessed 18 GE course syllabi on the basis of the College's GE Course Certification Policy. (This number includes two courses that were proposed for addition to the GE course list during the 2005-2006 academic year.) Seven course syllabi were approved; six syllabi were approved conditionally; and five syllabi were disapproved. The syllabi that were either approved conditionally or disapproved were sent back to their respective departments for necessary revisions. The GE Committee will reconsider the latter syllabi when they are resubmitted with the required revisions.

The Committee will continue the syllabus assessment process in the 2006-2007 academic year.

- e. Approvals of additions to the GE course list:
- CHM-102 Chemistry in Context. Sponsor: Dr. Karen Comai-Fuerherm (Chemistry). Approved by the GE Committee, 16-0-0, on 10/25/05. Approved by the Faculty Senate on 11/15/05.
  - PSY-110 Psychology of Sexuality. Sponsor: Dr. Laura Ochoa. Approved by the GE Committee, 7-2-6, on 4/25/06. Awaiting Senate action (on Senate agenda for 5/23/06).
- f. AVP Porter and the learning assessment subcommittee of the College-Wide Curriculum Committee have developed Master Course Syllabus for all BCC courses, both GE and non-GE courses. The subcommittee has called upon the GE Committee to endorse the Master Course Syllabus before it is presented for consideration to the Faculty Senate. The GE Committee will act on this proposal at its next meeting, either in June or in the fall.
- g. GE Committee Assessment Project: Like many other areas/sectors of the College, the GE Committee had an assessment project to complete during the 2005-2006 academic year. The Committee's goals were (1) to begin the process of reviewing syllabi for GE courses to ensure that all such syllabi are in compliance with the college's standards for GE courses and to complete the review of at least 15 GE course syllabi by the end of the 2005-2006 academic year; and (2) to produce, by the end of the 2005-2006 academic year, a revision of the college's policy on the GE Diversity Requirement, which revision will include standards for Diversity Courses that are more precise and rigorous than the standards previously in effect at BCC.

As reported in items 3.b. and 3.d., above, the GE Committee met both of its assessment project goals.