

# General Education Review Committee Agenda

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**12:30-1:30**

September 17, 2010

**ADM 204**

I. Call to Order

Roll

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( ) Sue Fallon	UAB/CHSW	Social Sciences
( ) Utpal Dutta	UAB/SOE	
( ) Kevin Keating	UAB/Library	
( ) Deborah Fox	UAB/Mat-Su	Written Communication
( ) Len Smiley	CAS	Quantitative Skills
( ) Shawnalee Whitney	CAS	Oral Communication
( ) Walter Olivares	CAS	Fine Arts
( ) Beverly Barker	CAS	Natural and Physical Sciences
( ) Robert Capuozzo	COE	
( ) Sandra Pence	CTC	
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( ) Bart Quimby	UAB	Ex officio/OAA
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V. Chair's Report

VI. Course Action Requests

VII. Old Business

VIII. New Business

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B. Goals 2010-2011

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**Approved**

## III. Approval of Summary (pg. 2)

**Approved**

## IV. Report from Associate Vice Provost Bart Quimby Unable to attend

## V. Chair's Report

**Working to formulate goals for this year**

## VI. Course Action Requests

Add HS A492 Senior Seminar: Contemporary Health Policy (3 cr) (3+0) (pg. 3-6)

**Approved**

## VII. Old Business

A. Student representation discussion

## VIII. New Business

A. Lora Volden- Registration Restrictions GER Tiers

16d. no way to make that happen.

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Lora Volden ENVI GER**

Geog A211/ENVI A211, GEOG A205, and ENVI A202

In 2009-2010 the Natural Sciences GERs were rewritten to remove ENVI A202 & GEOG A205 and add GEOG/ENVI A211 (cross listed)

A new CAR was submitted to create GEOG/ENVI A211+ lab and indicated that it would now cover the material that was previously covered in GEOG A205 + GEOG A205L & ENVI A202. The details for the new course included a special note- "Special Note: A student may apply no more than 3 credits from ENVI A202, GEOG A205, ENVI A211, or GEOG A211 toward the graduation requirements for a baccalaureate degree. Cross listed with GEOG A211"

This immediately became problematic because-

- 1- The course was not build to be equivalent with either GEOG 205 or ENVI 202- so if a student has previously taken one of those courses and then takes GEOG/ENVI 211 the previous course is not excluded. We can exclude at point of graduation- but this just enrages students and seems unfair.
- 2- We do not have the capability of have 2 courses now equal 1 in banner. And how would you do this- if student had taken GEOG 205 & ENVI 202 and later takes GEOG 211 would you exclude 7 credit s and give only 4? What if they had only taken 1 of the previous courses but not both?
- 3- Students who took GEOG A205 prior to 2009 and now enrolling in GEOG A211- special note says they can't receive more than 3 credits- yet again it leaves it to us to manually catch at point of graduation leading to misadvising along the way for students, angry students and the end, and a high probability of error by our staff.
- 4- We have advised advisors of the 3 credit limit; however we have seen dozens of academic petitions to allow GEOG 211 to count as well as a previous course of ENVI 202 or GEOG 205.

Furthermore, in the 2010-2011 catalog a new policy was included "However, a course satisfying a particular GER in the semester in which it was completed will continue to satisfy that GER for that student even if its status has changed in the catalog under which the student graduates." This is in direct conflict with the above special note.

According to this policy- a student should be able to count GEOG A205 or ENVI A202 if taken prior to 2009 for Natural Sciences GER AND count ENVI/GEOG A211 for Natural Sciences GER if taken after 2009.

You cannot have 2 competing policies.

Since Faculty Senate has ruled that students may apply GER credit for a course which was a GER at the time they took it, I recommend striking the above language attempting to limit these courses to a total of 3 credits. It conflicts with a later policy, cannot be programmed into Banner, and is difficult to ensure consistent enforcement since it relies upon manual processes.