

**Ohlone College
General Education Subcommittee
Semester Summary for Fall 2008 and
Goals for Spring 2009
Date February 2, 2009**

Membership & Meetings

Members: Sara Cooper – Social Science, Chris Warden – PE, Rachel Sherman – English and Curriculum Chair, K.G. Greenstein – Library and Information Competency, Shelley Lawrence – Interpreters Education, Deaf Studies & Cultural Diversity, Kenn Waters - Counseling, Jon Degallier – Computer Science and Distance Education, and Luc Desmedt – Physics

Missing Member(s): a faculty member from Fine Arts & Humanities

Chair: Brenda Ahnholz

Non-voting Members: Michael Bowman, Heidi Barkow, Bob Ortt and Janet Baldini

Meetings last semester: September 15, October 13, and November 10, 2008

Courses approved: ENVS 103 (Area VI), ENGL 117 (Area IIIB), ENGL 118 (Area IIIB), CHIN 102A (Area IIIB), HIST 119B (Area VI), SPCH 101 (Area IVB), and SPCH 103 (Area II)

Issues/Motions Approved: (1) GE has made a formal recommendation to the Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate that Ohlone College approve the acceptance of Advanced Placement exams with a minimum score of 3 to meet area requirements for the Plan A general education. Further discussion clarified that the GE Committee would be responsible for identifying which area(s) would be met by which AP exams and that some areas (notably Cultural Diversity and Information Competency) might not be met by any of the AP exams. Additionally, approval of AP exams to meet general GE areas does not also approve any course equivalencies, so it remains within the authority of discipline faculty to approve the acceptance of AP exams, the minimum scores, and course equivalencies to meet major requirements and prerequisite or corequisite requirements.

Goals for Spring Semester 2009: (1) Revise GE Philosophy and (2) Revise Information Competency review and acceptance process in Curricunet in GE approval process in efforts to embed the GE Information Competency requirement into more courses such certain as ENGL and SPCH courses (3) Approve new and review existing courses for GE approval during the Course Review Process (4) Continue to dialog about meaning assessment of GE