Minutes of General Education Requirements Committee January 18, 2008

1. A meeting of the GER Committee was held on January 18, 2008, in Montgomery Hall, room 20. Ryan Zerr presided.

2. Those present at the meeting were Suzanne Anderson, Greg Gagnon, Devon Hansen, Adam Kitzes, John La Duke, Don Poochigian, Tom Rand, Ty Reese, Lori Robison, Sukhvarsh Jerath, Ryan Zerr and Connie Borboa.

3. Minutes November 30. Devon Hansen moved to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

4. ES Steering Committee update. Special area groups will be finished with work soon and will submit proposed guidelines to the General Education Requirements Committee.

5. Workshop February 8. This workshop is to help departments with Essential Studies special emphasis course design.

6. Pat O’Neill from Economics has requested his department be allowed to submit revalidations under the new Essential Studies guidelines rather than submitting the current general education paperwork. Greg Gagnon moved to allow Economics to submit revalidations after the end of the semester and to use the Essential Studies assessment guidelines. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

7. Distinctions between fine arts and humanities courses under Essential Studies. Under the Essential Studies guidelines current general education courses have been identified as either fine arts or humanities. Greg Gagnon moved if a department wishes to challenge the placement of a course they must justify their reason to the committee. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried with 1 abstention.

8. Creating the list of Essential Studies courses for posting on the web. The Registrar’s Office will work on list and present draft to the Committee.

9. Student petition for Angela Makelky. Petition to accept Art 200 as a general education course. John La Duke moved to deny the petition. The motion was seconded, voted upon and carried unanimously.

10. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Recorded by Connie Borboa