

March 18, 2003

Mark Hardt  
James Nowlin

Michael Dennis  
Squy Wallace

George Benedict  
Randall Gloege – excused

John Cech – *ex-officio*

Randy Rhine – *ex-officio*

### III. Categories

It was cited that the current MSU-B categories can be condensed to fit the Board of Regents (BOR) categories.

<u>BOR Categories</u>		<u>MSU-B Proposed Categories</u>	
Natural Science (with labs)	6 cr.	English Composition	6 cr.
Social Science	6 cr.	Mathematics	3 cr.
Mathematics	3 cr.	Natural Science (with labs)	7 cr.
English Composition	3 cr.	Social Science	6 cr.
Humanities	3 cr.	History and Cultural Diversity	6 cr.
Fine Arts	3 cr.	Arts and Humanities	6 cr.
History	3 cr.		
Cultural Diversity	3 cr.		

It was cited that currently we do not have the largest Gen Ed Core. Some other Montana units require more than 37 credits.

It was also noted that currently, most of the Math courses in Gen Ed are more than 3 credits. Perhaps the Gen Ed Committee should meet with the Department to discuss alternatives.

- Motion by James Nowlin, seconded by Squy Wallace to

- Motion carried.

### IV. Capstone Course

It was noted that instead of having a 1 credit capstone in the Gen Ed Program, we could require a capstone in the department/program. In this course, the students would have to reflect on and demonstrate what they have learned in the Academic Foundations Program. It was also noted that if the capstone is offered through the department, it could be 3 credits,

V. Upper Division Courses

It was cited that, so we don't lose the great diversity of the Gen Ed Program, we should continue to offer upper level Gen Ed courses. Student could, after completing the 34 credits of the Academic Foundation Program, take a few upper level Academic Foundation courses and receive a Minor in Liberal Studies.

It was noted that any prerequisites for these upper division courses should be checked carefully.

It was noted that a Minor in Liberal Studies would not have any additional costs and would not cut into any department or program.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rita J. Rabe Meduna