

**General Education and Diversity Committee**  
**Approved Minutes**  
**Friday October 28<sup>th</sup> 2011**

Present: Queen Booker, Maurella Cunningham, Javier-Jose Lopez-Jimenez, Justine Martin, Marge Murray-Davis, Dan Toma, Kristen Treinen

Absent: Kristen Treinen

Meet and Confer:

1) Writing intensive recommendation (Heather Camp and Kristi Campana).

Heather and Kristi presented rationale for moving writing requirement from general education to a graduation requirement.

- The present situation at MSU – writing requirement in general education is contrary to MnSCU; all other institutions do not have them in general education.
- Also having the requirement in upper level classes will help improve writing skills.
- Writing will still remain in general education course as well.
- Motion to move the current two-course writing intensive requirements from general education to a graduation requirement was approved.

2) Cultural Diversity Waiver Recommendation (Kimberly Greer).

- The Cultural Diversity Waiver should follow the same process as other general education courses
- GEDC should review them except during the summer.
- This will remove the responsibility for reviewing these from one faculty member to the whole GEDC.
- Motion to align cultural diversity waiver with GEDC review requirement was approved.

3) Meet and Confer adjourned at 10:23

Regular GEDC meeting:

1) Aaron Moncelle appeal

- Appeal approved because it was decided that CMST 201 aligned with CMST 212.

2) Committee discussion regarding Ron Nickerson's response letter to President's concerns about cultural diversity and the remaining general education appeal.

- Committee voted to support letter of clarification drafted by Ron Nickerson.

3) Adjourned at 10:40.