I. REVIEW OF MINUTES, February 12, 2013

II. REPORT ON SENATE RESOLUTIONS SUBMITTED TO PRESIDENT

The following items from the 2/12/13 meeting have been approved by President Walter.
SR#9-12/13 2013FA-2014SUM Academic Calendar – President Walter’s revisions
SR#18-12/13 Course Modification WEX-230 Scuba Diving (title change from Skin & Scuba Diving)
SR#19-12/13 Course Modification WEX-127 Sports Events & Facilities Management
   (title change from Intro to Facilities & Events)
SR#24-12/13 Course Modification ECO-101 Macroeconomics (course description revision)
SR#25-12/13 Re-designation of “Schools” as “Divisions”

III. CHAIRPERSON’S REPORT

Dr. Alan Kaufman announced the coming of a BCC “Day of Service and Community” on May 14, 2013,
and also the coming of the college’s new Vice President of Academic Affairs, Dr. William Mullaney, who
will take office as of March 18, 2013.

IV. SPECIAL INTRODUCTIONS

● Dr. Yun Kim, Vice President for Institutional Effectiveness, introduced herself and reported on the college is
no longer on warning with the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. However, Dr. Kim also
noted that the college will be required to prepare another report to be submitted to Middle States by October 1,
2013.

Following up on Dr. Kim’s report, Dr. Kaufman recalled to the Senate the valuable work that now-retired
Professor Joann Marzocco had done to assure the college’s accreditation by the Middle States
Association.

● SGA President Margarita Valdez announced two programs sponsored by the Student Government
Association: (1) the March 25-29 food drive in support of the BCC Food Pantry and (2) SGA-sponsored
Scholarships for 2013-2014. Copies of food drive flier and Scholarships application were distributed.

● Dr. Naydeen Gonzalez-De Jesus, Vice President of Student Affairs, introduced herself and, in response
to questions, commented in detail on current and developing issues with regard to student financial aid.

● Ms. Sandra Sroka, Assistant Dean, Continuing Education, assisted by colleagues, Christian Mdeway,
Ronald McKnight, and Ellen Aramini, reported on the many programs and activities of the Division of
Continuing Education.
V. COMMITTEE REPORTS – none

VI. OLD BUSINESS – none

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Curriculum Items:

SR#21-12/13  Modification of Pre-requisites for 13 Accounting Courses
SR#22-12/13  Deletion of ACC-101 Accounting I and ACC-201 Accounting II
SR#23-12/13  Modification of 7 Accounting Programs per SR#21-12/13 and SR#22-12/13

Following brief discussion and without objection, AAS.IT.DB Database Programming and Administration, was included as one of the programs in which ACC-101 will be replaced by ACC-110.

SR#24-12/13  Modification of Course Description for ECO-201 Microeconomics

SR#21-12/13, SR#22-12/13, SR#23-12/13, and SR#24-12/13 were APPROVED BY CONSENT: 46-0-0

B. Other:

●SR#20-12/13 Proposal from the General Education Committee:
  BCC Policy on Student Selection of General Education Courses – Dr. George Cronk

  Proposal attached at end of Minutes, below.

  APPROVED: 45-0-0

●SR#51-12/13 Proposal: Two-Sided Printing of Senate Materials  Dr. Suzaan Boettger

  Henceforth, unless a BCC administrative office requires otherwise, materials for Faculty Senate matters should be photocopied on both sides of the paper sheet, i.e., as double-sided.

  APPROVED: 40-4-0

●There was a round of appreciative applause for Professor Thomas Jewell, who has served the college well as Acting Vice President of Academic Affairs from October 26, 2012, through March 15, 2013.

VIII. VISITORS: Ellen Aramini, Student Senator Alexis Bravo, Student Senator Michelle Perez, Naydeen Gonzalez-De Jesus, Yun Kim, Christian Mdeway, Ronald McKnight, Douglas Short, Sandra Sroka.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: 5:30 PM
SR#20-12/13

Proposal from the BCC General Education Committee – clarification of BCC policy on Student Selection of General Education Courses, originally adopted in March and April of 1983

SR attached

Date resolution made: March 12, 2013
Senate vote: Approved 45-0-0
Senate Secretary’s signature: ____________________________
Date forwarded to President: March 14, 2013
President’s action and date: ____________________________
President’s rationale for disapproval and date: ____________________

President’s signature: ____________________________
Proposal from the General Education Committee:
BCC Policy on Student Selection of General Education Courses

Proposal

A student's program is set by the Catalog dates when the student enrolled (matriculated).

However: A student can select General Education courses from the current General Education course list to meet requirements in her/his program and can also be credited for course-selection decisions s/he has made in the past.

The way the “system” has been working on this is contrary to the original intentions of the General Education Committee and to the original understanding of the Faculty Senate (in 1983). What has been going on for years now is that a student's system-generated Program Evaluation requires the gearing of the student's General Education course selections to the Catalog in force when the student matriculated.

However, General Education course selection by students was never supposed to be dependent on any particular Catalog dates. That was never put forward by the General Education Committee and never approved by the Faculty Senate. Students from whatever Catalog year are supposed to be free to choose from the current General Education course list in the current year, no matter what year the "current year" is. (1983 Senate-approved proposal attached)

The aim: An approach that accommodates students' reasonable needs in this matter and that does not block them from taking and/or applying (e.g., from past years) the General Education course selections of their choice.

Again, currently, the Datatel/WebAdvisor/Program Evaluation system requires a student's General Education course selections to be governed by her/his matriculation Catalog dates. In this matter (as in others), the tail is definitely wagging the dog, and it is not in the best interests of the students involved, or of the General Education Program for that matter.

The programming of the Datatel/WebAdvisor/Program Evaluation system must not be permitted to determine the college's curricular requirements or options.

This does not mean that all student selections of General Education courses are permitted. Students must meet their still-open program requirements with courses on the current General Education course list and in accordance with current course-and-category rules (e.g., courses that are Diversity-only cannot be used to meet standard-category requirements or options in Arts & Media, Communication, Literature, Religion, Psychology, Sociology, etc.).

The college’s Datatel/WebAdvisor/Program-EVAL/Degree-Audit system should be programmed so as to implement all of the allowances and disallowances listed in the “Sample Cases” section, below, without necessitating any special paperwork. However, in the event that a waiver is required for any of the listed allowances, then an appropriate general education course replacement form shall be executed and signed by an authorized academic counselor, the Academic Department Chair responsible for the student’s academic program, and the Academic Department Chair(s) responsible for the course requirements being modified. The form shall then be submitted to the Office of Registration for appropriate action. The general education replacement form is to be used
only for circumstances as described in this paragraph. The current college form and process for "Adjustment of Degree Requirements" will be used for all other requests for waivers or modifications of general education courses or requirements.

**Sample Cases**

To illustrate how the proposed policy will work, here is a list of sample problem cases with regard to a student's selection of General Education courses.

**Assumptions:**

Student’s governing Catalog: 2007-2008

Student, in 2012-2013, is still pursuing (say) an AA.LA.General EducationN degree.

**The Samples:**

1. In 2008SP, Student took COM101 Mass Media of Communication as a General Education elective in Humanities. At that time, COM101 was on the BCC list of General Education Courses as a Humanities elective. It was disqualified as a General Education course by the State as of 2009FA. This will be allowed.

   However, Student cannot now select COM101 as a General Education elective to fill a still-open Arts and Media Humanities slot in her/his program since COM101 is not on the current General Education course list.

2. At the current time, but under her 2007-2008 degree requirements, Student still needs a General Education Humanities elective in Literature. Student wants to take LIT226 Intro to the Novel in 2013SP. LIT226 is on the current General Education course list, but it was not on the list in 2007-2008. This will be allowed.

3. In 2007FA, Student took SOC121 Changing Roles of Women as a General Education elective in Social Sciences. SOC121 was then on the General Education course list in the Social Sciences category, but now (a/o 2009-2010) it is no longer in that category although it is still a General Education Diversity course. Student wants the course to count as a Social Science elective (not as a Diversity Course or free elective) in her program. This will be allowed.

   However, Student cannot now select SOC121 as a General Education elective to fill a still-open Social Sciences slot in her/his program since SOC121 is now on the current General Education course list as a Diversity-only course.

4. In 2008FA, Student took PSY123 Cross-Cultural Psychology as a free elective. The course was then not on the General Education course list at all, but now it is on the list as a Diversity course. Student now wishes that course to count as meeting her 2007-2008 Diversity Requirement. This will be allowed.

5. In 2010SP, Student took PHR111 Social & Political Philosophy, which was then (a/o 2009FA) an approved General Education course but which did not yet appear on the published list of General Education courses (because of a time-lag in publishing registration
books). Student wants the course to count as a General Education PHR Humanities elective in her curriculum. This will be allowed.

6. In 2013SP, Student took (is taking) HIS124 African American History, which was not a General Education course in 2007-2008 but is now. She wants the course to count as one of her General Education History requirements. This will be allowed.

7. In 2008SP, Student took COM101 Mass Media of Communication, which was then a General Education elective in Humanities. Student now updates her curriculum years to 2012-2013. Now her Program EVAL (Degree audit?) will not permit the COM-101 to count as a General Education Humanities elective. The EVAL will be re-programmed so as to allow COM-101, which student has already taken, to count as a General Education Humanities elective NOW.

However, as stated above in Sample 1, Student cannot now select COM101 as a General Education elective to fill a still-open Arts and Media Humanities slot in her/his program as since COM101 is not on the current General Education course list.
3. An Approved List of General Education Courses: Courses offered for the purposes of general education should be general in their orientation rather than highly specialized or vocational in nature. Such courses should introduce students to the basic subject-matters and methodologies of broad fields of academic endeavor in the areas of communications, humanities, social sciences, mathematics and natural sciences, and health and physical education. General education courses should aim at expanding the intellectual and cultural horizons of the student qua student, and should not be viewed merely as components of the student's "major" field of study. The distinction between general education courses, "free electives," and the requirements of "major" programs must be kept firmly in mind in this context.

For the purposes of clarity, coherence, and reasonable efficiency, general education course offerings should be limited in number. A list of all approved general education courses should be prepared and updated annually by faculty members in the five major areas of the general education program. This should be done under the general supervision of the Dean of Instruction. This list should be distributed to all members of the faculty and should be printed in a prominent position in all college publications where such printing will be relevant (e.g. in each semester’s schedule of course offerings, in Bergen Community College Curriculum Requirements, etc.). General education course offerings in specific disciplines should also be printed in appropriate places in the Bergen Community College Course Description Booklet, and should be clearly labeled therein as general education courses. (See Appendix VI, infra., pp. 90-93, for a sample list of approved general education courses.)

From General Education at Bergen Community College, March 11, 1983. Entire package approved by President Lopez-Isa and Curriculum Committee in March 1983 and by Faculty Senate in April 1983.