General Education Council
March 2, 2012
Meeting Notes

Members Present:

Jake Simons, Terri Flateby, Michelle Cawthorn, Lisa Smith, Hani Samawi, Lorraine Gilpin, Elizabeth Edwards, Ellen Hendrix

Ellen began the meeting by asking Elizabeth to report for the Assessment Subcommittee. Elizabeth distributed notes/minutes for the subcommittee’s meeting and then asked GEC members to think about possible CORE focuses. She acknowledged that few areas of the CORE can be changed since many of the Areas and courses are mandated by the BOR.

Elizabeth and Terri briefly talked about how the CORE is/will be reported in WEAVE and the need to plan for future assessments before the end of this academic year.

Terri also commented on the immediate need to finalize plans for the summer assessment workshop and to begin recruiting faculty to participate. Lorraine asked about an oral communication rubric to be used during the assessment workshop and offered to help develop one. Lorraine then asked about writing assessment in upper-level classes and noted that the expectations should be “stepped up a notch.” She suggested that a new indicator may need to be added to address discipline specificity. Ellen located the rubric used for last summer’s assessment so that the GEC could see the indicators. She agreed to send it via email for further review.

Terri announced that an Academic Assessment Steering Committee had been formed. Elizabeth asked for clarification about the relationship between the AASC and the GECC. Terri acknowledged that communication is important and that the two committees should work together.

Ellen, Lisa, and Lorraine noted that the Curriculum Subcommittee had not yet met but that its current focus was on curriculum mapping. Jake suggested the Curriculum Subcommittee focus on planning an assessment cycle; Elizabeth stated that the Assessment Subcommittee was already moving in that direction so the two sub-committees need to collaborate and communicate about this.

The GEC will meet again on Friday, April 6, 2012 at 12:30 in the CTLS.