General Education Council

November 4, 2011

Minutes

Attendees: Steve Hale, Lisa Smith, Terri Flateby, Jake Simons, Bill Levernier, Ellen Hendrix, John O’Malley, Hani Samawi, Lorraine Gilpin, Elizabeth Edwards, Kathy Albertson, Michelle Cawthorn

Jake began the meeting by asking that the minutes from the October 7 meeting be approved.

He then noted that the budget agenda item under new business was unnecessary at this time.

Moving back to old business, Jake announced the following:

- The proposal to make the GEC a Senate standing committee is on the agenda for the November 16\(^{th}\) Senate meeting.
- The proposed General Education Student Learning Outcomes would have to be approved by the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee before they could be sent to the Senate. They are on the Undergraduate Committee’s calendar for January.
- The Summer Assessment report is under revision. Fred should have a final draft of that report ready for approval for the December 2\(^{nd}\) GEC meeting.

Under new business, Jake brought this year’s planned assessment up for discussion. Questions came up about the relationship between General Education and the Core Curriculum, particularly the Core outcomes drafted by the Core Council and approved by the BOR and Senate last year. Kathy noted that the Undergraduate Committee is responsible for making sure that the Core Outcomes are being assessed. Ellen suggested that she schedule a meeting with the Associate Deans of CLASS and COST and Fred so that the GEC assessment subcommittee could get their input on an assessment plan.

John O’Malley asked if a mission/vision statement for General Education would be helpful. Jake suggested that the Curriculum subcommittee could work on such a statement but that the General Education outcomes should go forward even if a mission statement had not been drafted. Lorraine noted that a statement might be helpful and suggested the curriculum subcommittee work on one and bring a draft to the December meeting. Ellen said that she would ask Michael Moore if GSU has or has ever had a General Education mission statement.

Ellen expressed concern that the GEC was not promoting its work effectively enough across campus and that many people are still not aware of what General Education is or means. John suggested the GEC’s promoting its work through brief visits to department and college meetings. He also suggested that the GEC could have monthly themes to help promote our work and our mission. John and Ellen planned to meet to discuss marketing ideas.

Next Meeting: December 2\(^{nd}\) at 2:30 in the CTLS