

## General Education Council Minutes – September 4, 2012

### **Members Present:**

Lisa Daniels (Coll of Ed)  
Jeff Allender (Coll of Lib Arts)  
Joe McGarrity (Coll of Bus)  
Susan Gatto (Coll of HBS)  
Carey Smitherman (Coll of FAC)  
Charles Watson (Coll of NSM)  
Lori Isom (CAR – Chemistry)  
Kondwani Phwandaphwanda (CAR – Music)  
Jim Deitrick (CAR – Phil & Rel)  
Mary Beth Sullivan (CAR – Poli Sci)

Carl Olds (CAR – Film)  
Lorien Foote (CAR – History)  
Conrad Shumaker (Ex-officio, GEC Chair)  
Wendy Castro (Ex-officio, Dir of Assessment)  
Renee LeBeau-Ford (Ex-officio, Library)

### **Members Absent:**

none

**Guests:** Members of Gen Ed Task Force (including Ed Powers, Kim Eskola, Tammy Rogers)

### **AGENDA for Sept. 4 Meeting:**

1. Introduction of new members
2. Election of secretary
3. Approval of minutes from April 3 and 12 (attached)
4. Distribution of Task Force recommendation (attached in electronic form--printed copies to follow)
5. Arranging for faculty responses to recommendation

## **Meeting began with sincere and grateful thanks for the work done during the summer by Gen Ed Task Force**

### **1. Introduction of new members**

- several new members this year—Lorien Foote, Lisa Daniels, Susan Gatto, Wendy Castro

### **2. Election of Secretary**

- Carl Olds agreed to serve again, elected by acclamation

### **3. Approval of Minutes from 3 April and 12 April**

- **MOTION** to approve by Deitrick, Second by Isom
- Unanimously approved by GEC

### **4. Distribution of Task Force recommendation**

- new proposal sent electronically—hard copies will come soon
- request for this to be put on Gen Ed webpage so that everyone can see it
- Lisa Daniels is gathering a FAQ page & Tammy Rogers is making a PowerPoint presentation about the Task Force proceedings trying to correct faulty information floating around campus
- we talked about trying to find a simpler way to post questions – e.g. a blog? or Blackboard shell?

## **5. Arranging for Faculty Response**

- Task Force has officially made a recommendation...now what?
- Proposed schedule for discussion:
  - series of meetings organized by GEC college reps, run by Task Force reps, feedback taken by Content Area reps
  - at least three meetings – one with department chairs, one with general faculty to answer questions and disseminate information, one with all faculty to discuss and answer questions
  - at least one other round of revisions at the GEC level
- question raised about unaffiliated faculty – yes, they should have discussion as well
- area meetings (across disciplines) in addition to college meetings?
- input from other constituents? SGA / students (Shumaker will talk to SGA), alumni?, businesses (focus groups have done this), legislators? – strong feelings that curriculum responsibility ultimately lies with faculty
- question about submitting to impartial external review from other campus (Castro says that 2 outside reviewers on HLC are looking at it)
- discussion about biggest changes:
  - Gen Ed Core a four-year program – building from the state min core through upper division courses
  - integrates Gen Ed and majors
  - capstone course
  - transfer student requirements – +30 hours no FYS requirement, transfers with AA have no responsible living requirement, upper div core requirements still program requirements

**Meeting was adjourned – GEC will meet with Task Force reps next Tuesday at 1230pm**