**General Education Council Minutes – April 2, 2013**

**Members Present**:

Jeff Allender (Coll of Lib Arts)

Joe McGarrity (Coll of Bus)

Susan Gatto (Coll of HBS)

Carey Smitherman (Coll of FAC)

Lori Isom (CAR – Chemistry)

Kondwani Phwandaphwanda (CAR – Music)

Carl Olds (CAR – Film)

Lorien Foote (CAR – History)

Colby Qualls (SGA)

Conrad Shumaker (Ex-officio, GEC Chair)

Kurt Bonecki (Ex-officio, Provost’s Office)

Joanna Castner-Post (Ex-officio, GEC Chair-elect)

**Members Absent:**

Lisa Daniels (Coll of Ed)

Charles Watson (Coll of NSM)

Jim Deitrick (CAR – Phil & Rel)

Mary Beth Sullivan (CAR – Poli Sci)

Wendy Castro (Ex-officio, Dir of Assessment)

Renee LeBeau-Ford (Ex-officio, Library)

**AGENDA for Apr. 2 Meeting:**

1.  Approval of minutes

2.  Changes to General Education Council approved by the faculty senate

3.  Rubrics

4.  Expedited course proposals (English and Communication)

**1. Approval of minutes**

March 26 minutes – unanimously approved

**2. Changes to GEC approved by the faculty senate**

Faculty Senate passed new name/council make-up

There are timing issues – new program going into effect this fall, elections this spring

Senate issue also includes chairs – chosen by whom?

It was quickly done and without much foresight

questions about chairs and non-tenure/tenure-track faculty working together

would chairs have undue influence on the council?

Proposal says nothing about having experience teaching Core classes

How can the GEC implement a program in the fall if there is no council?

Shumaker – will go ahead with planned elections for a GEC to be constituted in August as before

Changes are still developing

Board of Trustees must pass – not meeting before May

**MOTION** (Foote) – Because of the need for continuity and cohesion in the implementation of the new UCA Core program during the Fall semester, the General Education Council strongly urges the Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees not to change the membership of the GEC until no earlier than 2014. (2nd by Isom) – **Unanimously passed**

**3. Rubrics**

rubrics have reached the point where they can be regularized with Associate Provost and Assessment Director

Regularizing subcommittee will be meeting next week

next part of process is to get faculty together and norm against the rubric