**General Education Council Minutes – April 9, 2013**

**Members Present**:

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)

Mary Beth Sullivan (CAR – Poli Sci)

Carl Olds (CAR – Film)

Lorien Foote (CAR – History)

Colby Qualls (SGA)

Conrad Shumaker (Ex-officio, GEC Chair)

**Members Absent:**

Jeff Allender (Coll of Lib Arts)

Lisa Daniels (Coll of Ed)

Jim Deitrick (CAR – Phil & Rel)

Wendy Castro (Ex-officio, Dir of Assessment)

Renee LeBeau-Ford (Ex-officio, Library)

**AGENDA for Apr. 9 Meeting:**

1.  Expedited course review (Communication and English)

2.  Rubrics

**1. Expedited course review**

ENGL 1320 – alternative to WRTG 1320

* **MOTION** to approve course as alternative in Writing – **unanimously approved**

Communication and the Arts – in Diversity / Fine Arts

* discussion of communication’s role in the Diversity sphere
* discussion of department’s fitness to offer a class in the arts
* **MOTION** to approve (Sullivan) with SECOND (Smitherman) – **course approved** 9-1-2 (including 2 proxy yes votes)

Communicating Powerfully in Professional Contexts – for Critical Inquiry #1 / Social Science

* discussion of whether this course fits the definition of social science
* **MOTION** (Gatto) with SECOND (Smitherman) – **course not approved by unanimous vote**
* will send back to department and ask that social science components be made more clear

Foote asks if the GEC is approving too many courses

New structure of the GEC –still not sure about implementation of new council structure

* Provost looking to delay implementation of Faculty Senate vote
* we need to know if new elections can be held to replace members

**2. Approval of Rubrics**

Subcommittee still working on rubrics

They need to know the difference between a 0 and 1 score on the rubrics

How do we express the score—average? sum total?

Written Communication and Science Reasoning rubrics still in progress

* they are sitting down and working through these