**General Education Policy Review Committee**

**Minutes of the November 5, 2009 Meeting.**

Present: Don Guay, Gary Olsen, Nisha Fernando, Justin Glodowski, John Houghton, Andrew Letson, Randy Olson, James Sage, Julie Schneider, Robert Sirabian, Greg Summers, Mary Holland.

Guest: Axel Schmetzke.

Called to order at 8:03am.

The minutes of Oct 29 were approved.

Announcements: James Sage and Greg Summers will attend the meeting with Fine Arts on Friday. November 24 there will be a Brown Bag discussion with representatives from Mary Vale College, please consider attending.

Draft Revision:

1. Wellness – Don.

Don Guay spoke to Marty Loy about our proposal for a 1-credit Wellness GEP requirement and they will be meeting tomorrow then reply.

1. First Year Seminar – Julie and Nisha.

Dona Warren agreed that a 3-credit First Year Seminar would dovetail well with introducing ideas of Critical Thinking. The committee discussed changes to the Learning Outcomes; including adding the comment “this is a pilot program”. The committee discussed how there would need to be training to administer a First Year Seminar.

1. Interdisciplinary Studies – Greg.

The committee acknowledged there are distinct and separate meanings of multi-, trans-, and inter- disciplinary. The committee discussed how it is difficult to knit together interdisciplinary programs into a something with meaningful assessment unless faculty work together; it might encourage team teaching.

1. Natural Science.

The committee discussed changes to the Learning Outcomes.

1. Historical Perspectives.

The committee approved the Learning Outcomes as written.

1. Experiential Learning.

The committee discussed limiting experience to a time period while enrolled at this university. The committee discussed if a reflective piece would be required who would assess these.

1. Communication in the Major – Robert

The committee discussed changing the wording to require speaking *and* writing (not *or*). The committee discussed that assessment of this requirement would be dealt with in Step 5.

1. Humanities – Robert.

The committee discussed this encompasses the disciplines of Literature, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Study Abroad, and Political Philosophy.

1. Non-Western/Global and US Diversity – James.

The committee discussed feedback received.

For next week: James Sage will work on Humanities, Experiential Learning with John Houghton, and Non-Western/Global and US Diversity Studies with Julie Schneider and Nisha Fernando. Don Guay will work on Wellness Learning Outcomes.

Adjourned at 9:57am.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Holland.