**General Education Policy Review Committee**

**Minutes of the November 12, 2009 Meeting.**

Present: Don Guay, Gary Olsen, John Houghton, Andrew Letson, James Sage, Julie Schneider, Robert Sirabian, Greg Summers, Mary Holland.

Guest: Rory Suomi.

Called to order at 8:05am.

The minutes of Nov 5 were approved.

New Business:

1. Wellness – Don Guay.

We do not have an official response from Marty Loy yet. The committee recommends a standalone Wellness 1-credit Foundation course required by all students who graduate.

Rory Suomi wonders if an additional Wellness application/demonstration could be part of the Experiential Learning component of the GEP model; to embed a healthy plan within the model. Could Physical Education credits count towards Experiential Learning? Yes, but that depends on the criteria set in step 5.

The committee discussed and amended the Wellness Learning Outcomes.

1. Experiential Learning – James and John.

The committee discussed Experiential Learning is for credit or non-credit. Experiential Learning should be both outside a course or a co-curricular activity. The important part is the reflective piece at the end of the course.

The committee discussed having multiple options on courses we already have in the catalog plus a reflective piece or include as many other options as possible. Ultimately only the advisors have access to students’ records to check this requirement as being met.

The committee discussed what would count and how do we check it? Who will set up the standards and approve of them? This would be as defined in Step 5 with the Assessment rubric.

The committee discussed and amended the Experiential Learning Outcomes.

1. Humanities – James.

The committee discussed and amended the Humanities Learning Outcomes.

1. Nonwestern and US Minority/Diversity Studies – James.

The committee discussed changing the title from Non-Western to Global Studies, also the US Minority to US Diversity Studies. The committee discussed and amended the Learning Outcomes.

For next week: James will work on Non-Western Studies/Global Studies learning outcomes. James and John will work on Experiential Learning outcomes. Don and John will work on Environmental Responsibility learning outcomes.

Everyone please re-read the whole thing and send any typos or edits to Greg.

The deadline to present this is Friday November 20.

Adjourned at 9:54am.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Holland.