**General Education Policy Review Committee**

**Minutes of the April 29 Meeting**

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

Guest: Jim Joque.

Called to order at 3:33pm.

The minutes of 4-22 were amended.

Old Business:

Discussion of step 5 – Investigation level and Integration level.

1. The committee decided to release a partial draft of Step 5 next Monday or Tuesday. The committee decided to release a draft of step 5 criteria for the Foundation level and Instructor Qualifications only. GEPRC will hold open forums before the semester ends to get feedback to help guide work over the summer.

2. Jim Joque commended the committee on what we have been doing.

Jim expressed a concern regarding students with mathematics disabilities. Jim recommended a substitute policy for students with math disabilities. This policy would be consistent with our current practice for these students. The committee agreed that this policy would make fit into the new GEP. The GEPRC work is currently focusing on the main body of students and we will explore criteria for transfer students and students with disabilities over the summer.

The committee discussed the suggestion that the consequences of raising the bar on mathematic skills will be a reduction of students coming to UWSP, as well as those who are already here and struggling with this requirement. The committee discussed if this is most problematic for BFA students in terms requiring up to 9 additional credits.

The committee discussed the level of math skill necessary to enroll into a Quantitative Literacy course. The Mathematics department suggested that the prerequisite to all QL courses by college algebra currently offered as Math 100. The committee discussed that of our current incoming students, 17% would have to take Math 100 before taking a QL course.

The committee discussed making Math 90 the prerequisite to all Quantitative Literacy courses. The committee felt this level of mathematics skill is appropriate for all UWSP students as the prerequisite to all QL courses. The Committee amended the Quantitative Literacy course criteria explanation

3. Wellness: no changes.

4. General Criteria: no changes.

Homework: Consider plans for the summer. Greg Summers will work on the preamble for an abbreviated version of step 5. The committee will review the draft over the weekend and we will release the draft to campus for feedback on Monday.

Adjourned at 5:13pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Holland.