**General Education Policy Review Committee**

**Minutes of the May 6 Meeting**

Present: Don Guay, Gary Olsen, James Sage, Julie Schneider, Greg Summers, Mary Holland.

Called to order at 3:34pm.

The minutes of 4-29 were amended.

Announcements:

1. The programmers that support DPR’s would like to know will all courses count towards the major GPA or towards the cumulative GPA? GEPRC has no authority over this and departments do this differently; it’s up to the discretion of each major.
2. New BFA and BM degree requirements have changed to require Foreign Language for two semesters. The new degree requirements were approved by Faculty Senate on May 5, 2010.
3. CAESE advisory group met to discuss its role in the new GEP. They recommended a Coordinator of Educational Technology (1.0 FTE), Director of CAESE (1.0 FTE), a FYE Coordinator (0.5 FTE), and an Assessment Coordinator (0.5 FTE) which will go to Provost in the upcoming week.

Old Business: Discussion of Step 5.

1. In reaction to the BFA and BM degree changes the committee discussed that currently BFA and BM degrees accept math OR foreign language. The new Quantitative Literacy requirement in GEP coupled with the new foreign language requirement could potentially affect the ability for UWSP to attract top students in these programs.

The committee discussed the possibility of testing out of GEP requirements. We will need more detailed information about our current practice to make a recommendation in a later revision of step 5. The current Academic Affairs policy is that every GDR must be able to be tested out of.

1. The committee discussed that ideally each department will have a meaningful pedagogical discussion of what each degree type should mean in their major: What would students do with it? Why would students want it?
2. The committee discussed summer meeting times? Tuesday 9-11 or 1-3 were suggested.
3. Don Guay will send another MOD about the forum on Monday.

Adjourned at 4:36pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Holland.