**General Education Policy Review Committee**

**Minutes of the July 20, 2010 Meeting.**

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

Called to order at 1:03pm.

The minutes of July 13 were amended.

Old Business:

1. Open Forum.

The committee discussed ways to make interactions even more meaningful at the upcoming open forum. The committee discussed if more members of the committee would be present to answer questions, perhaps have a topic manager, or a time manager. Perhaps have break-out focus group forums.

The committee discussed if the Open Forum is a good date before school starts? In the past, the best attendance was before school starts. The committee discussed submitting the proposal before the Open Forum. The committee discussed publishing the agenda for the Open Forum with a good degree of specificity, and suggested that comments will be gathered at the Open Forum and then published.

The committee discussed splitting the Open Forum into break-out sessions discussing different topics. The committee might lose the benefit of one member’s expertise if separated in different rooms. The committee discussed having one big overview and then separating into 2 break-outs afterwards.

The committee discussed the best rooms, times and if refreshments might be served at the Open Forum.

1. Provost meeting.

The committee discussed how the Provost meeting will focus on what Department Chairs will need to know about proposed changes in the General Education requirements. The committee discussed what issues might be discussed.

The committee discussed how Department Chairs will need to plan for the new requirements; how the chairs might encourage faculty members to serve on a new General Education committee.

The committee discussed if it might be good to remind Department Chairs of the upcoming HLC visit and possible consequences that UWSP could face if put on probation.

The committee discussed if faculty might be encouraged to attend the Open Forum. The committee discussed if there should be a separate mini Open Forum just for Department Chairs?

1. Discussion and revision of Step 5 document.
2. Experiential Learning. The committee discussed and amended the Experiential Learning Activity criteria. The EL explanation was amended. The appendices including the EL Activity Guide, Checklist, Reflection Guide, and Rubric were amended.
3. Communication in the Major. The criteria and explanation were amended.

For next week: Please look through and amend the explanation.

Adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Holland.