**General Education Policy Review Committee**

**Minutes of the September 28, 2010 Meeting**

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

Guest: Chris Cirmo, Dean of Letters & Science.

Called to order at 3:04pm.

The minutes of September 21 were amended.

Announcements.

Introductions to Michael Bixby, the committee’s new student representative from the Student Government Association.

New Business.

1. Discuss GEPRC proposal to CHRS regarding Gen Ed Committee proposal.

Don Guay will send the GEPRC proposal for the GEC Committee to Rhonda Sprague and Mick Veum tonight. The committee discussed *Article XI: Gen Ed Committee* and confirmed the number of members in the proposal to be at least 17 as well as the Director of General Education being stated as the co-chair shared with one elected co-chair faculty.

2. Discuss College of Letters & Science feedback and open forum request with guest Dean Chris Cirmo.

*Dean Cirmo requests the committee have another open forum. He mentioned that he would work with the department chairs within L&S to increase participation.*

-The committee responded that Step 5 will back to faculty and staff for feedback we will host another open forum.

*Dean Cirmo cited some issues that need more discussion: The make-up of the new Gen Ed committee. Vetting of non-instructional faculty qualifications, regarding the first year seminar. What the qualifications of non-instructional faculty should be. The question of the content or the instructor determining if a course is Inter-disciplinary? (Inter-disciplinary as major, minor, certificate, or course).*

-The committee responded that the new draft will address these issues. GEPRC has received a great deal of feedback on these issues and we will be sure to address these issues as clearly as possible in the new draft. The committee agreed to send Step 5c back to campus for further comments and have multiple open forums. The committee will have a special MOD letting campus know we will do an open forum for each college, if requested.

*Dean Cirmo suggested perhaps adding an appendix listing inter-disciplinary majors and minors to get campus thinking about this question. Dean Cirmo thanked the committee for their time.*

3. Update on degree requirements from AAC meeting.

The committee discussed how to proceed with this process in parallel with the degree requirement conversation. The committee discussed sending recommendations to the Academic Affairs Committee to form a small subcommittee to edit the document *Article XI*. The committee discussed concerns with proceeding with Step 5c not knowing what the degree requirements will be. GEPRC members will on AAC will provide feedback from the next AAC meeting on this issue.

The committee discussed if Step 5c could be worked on before degree requirements have been decided. If Academic Affairs creates a subcommittee to work on degree requirements with a definite end date then the Gen Ed committee could simultaneously continue working on Step 5c.

Homework: Keep working on the organizing the feedback for Step 5c.

Adjourned at 5:07pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Holland.