**MINUTES – GENERAL EDUCATION POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE** (GEPRC)

**ROOM 110 NOEL FINE ARTS CENTER – June 14, 2011; 1 p.m.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: N. Fernando, J. Houghton, G. Olsen, R. Sirabian G. Summers, J. Sage, J. Schneider

1. G. Olsen called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. The minutes of June 7, 2011 were approved by general consent.

3. Announcements:

* It was noted that Provost Mark Nook will be serving as Interim Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs (UW-System) next academic year (2011-2012). No replacement for Nook has been identified yet.
* It was noted that Biddy Martin (Chancellor, UW-Madison) will be the new President of Amherst College.
* It was noted that California and Minnesota are facing similar (and perhaps more severe) budget cuts than we are here in Wisconsin.
* It was noted that the recent biennium budget (expected to be signed by the Governor soon) includes a clause that restricts UW-campuses from developing new differential tuition programs (and, yes, this would include restricting UWSP from moving forward with differential tuition).
* J. Schneider spoke with Dale Rohm (Chair, Department of Mathematical Sciences) regarding the Math placement test. Dale didn’t expect any substantial changes, but a few revisions might be required regarding the new degree requirements. Dale is willing to meet with the GEPRC at an upcoming meeting (either June 21 or June 28). [Note: At the end of the meeting, the committee decided that it would be good to invite Dale to the June 28 meeting.]

4. New & Old Business:

2011-2012 timeline for department work to transition to GEP

 G. Summers distributed an updated draft timeline. Discussion ensued. We anticipated that there might be “summer work” for the following committees next summer: GEC and Curriculum Committee. While some departments are moving forward with transition (English, Education), others will need some guidance and support (especially the “in the major” courses, assessment, and selecting appropriate degree types). In order to help with this support, we’ll need to ensure that members of the new GEC are familiar with these issues. We considered the idea of devoting the first scheduled meeting (for the GEC and the Curriculum Committee) to a workshop. Planning for this workshop will need to happen. Next, the committee discussed the advising workshops that will be offered. J. Schneider announced that in addition to a fall conference on campus (sponsored by the Wisconsin Academic Advising Association), CAESE will help to sponsor two additional workshops in the fall. Part of the annual January (2012) teaching conference will be devoted to advising issues, and then another two workshops will be offered in the spring (with the final workshop focusing on GDR-to-GEP advising issues.

GEP Course Approval Form

R. Sirabian distributed a sample of a completed GEP Course Approval Form. The committee discussed the various changes that should be made, especially regarding the way that “users” are asked to present their course learning outcomes, and how “users” are asked to present (describe, explain, show) the alignment between GEP category outcomes and course outcomes.

5. The meeting was adjourned circa 2:45 p.m.

Minutes Recorded by: James Sage, Secretary of the Day