General Education Program Committee
Minutes
11 April 2005

Present: Chuck Booth, Hope Cook, Richard Jones-Bamman, Maggie Martin, David Pellegrini, Delar Singh, Carol Williams, Bob Wolf, Nancy Salter (ex-officio)

1. Minutes
Minutes of the 4 April 2005 meeting were moved and approved as presented (Jones-Bamman, Singh).

Old Business

2. Faculty Feedback
   Modern Languages
   Kin Chan has submitted an alternative proposal to the GEPC. The Modern Language faculty want to insure a category in the GEP for language. They argue that their request for a competency test is similar to the Math Department requirement and do not want their proposal submitted to the Academic Affairs Committee for review. The new proposal requires all students to take one foreign language course above the 110 level. Students who cannot place into 111 or above, will have to pass a 110 course first, and progress from there to a higher-level course.

   HPE
   Bob Horrocks indicated that the HPE faculty would like the GEPC to consider three proposals for a health and wellness requirement. In order of preference these are: (1) a three-credit requirement, one credit of academic study in health and wellness and two, one-credit recreational activities; (2) a 2 credit health and wellness course that included a sampling of sports related activities; and (3) a 2 credit requirement that is health and wellness oriented and includes active, laboratory like activities connected to the course.

   Computer Science
   An alternative approach for computer science was proposed by Fred Loxsom. He suggests either a special Tier II category of Society and Technology or expand the Tier II Natural Science category to include technology.

The History, Philosophy and Political Science Department invites members of the GEPC to the Department meeting on April 20 at 3:00 p.m.

3. Proposal Development
The Committee reviewed the latest draft of the proposal. David Pellegrini will enhance and develop the language regarding the tiers. Delar Singh has suggestions for insuring that the Tier II course objectives reflect learning at a higher level. Other editorial changes were made.

4. Faculty Referendum
In order to receive feedback from the faculty prior to the end of the semester, the Committee will host a non-binding faculty referendum during the week of May 2. The area of faculty interest least known is that regarding health and wellness. A non-binding opinion survey of faculty regarding their preferences for adding credits to the Committee proposal of a 41 credit GEP will be held prior to the referendum. Three departments/areas, HPE, Modern Languages, and Computer Science, will be contacted to submit their best and final curriculum proposal of one paragraph for the survey.

5. Schedule of meetings and tasks: Spring 2005
   April 18 Proposals for faculty opinion survey
   Week of April 20 Faculty opinion survey
   Week of May 2 Faculty Referendum

New Business

6. New GEPC Members
Carol Williams’ term on the GEPC will expire this semester. She has submitted her name for election. David Pellegrini is the representative of Academic Affairs. His term will expire this semester and he will not seek renewal.

3. Next meeting: April 18, 2005

Next Meeting: The next GEPC meeting will be Monday, 18 April at 2:00 p.m. in Webb 258.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin, Chair