General Education Program Committee
Minutes
10 October 2005

Members Present: Chuck Booth, Richard Jones-Bamman, Maggie Martin, Delar Singh, Andrew Utterback, Bob Wolf, Carmen Cid (ex-officio)

1. Review and acceptance of draft minutes of 3 October 2005
   Minutes of the 3 October 2005 meeting were reviewed and approved. (Booth, Singh)

Old Business

2. Review of GEPC Proposal
   The Committee continued editing the May GEPC proposal, completing the philosophy section. The document will be reviewed at the next meeting in preparation for presentation to the faculty and the Curriculum Committee.

3. ICE Working Groups
   Committee members reviewed the list of the 26 faculty who volunteered for the three ICE Working Groups. Groups were composed to insure diversity of discipline and expertise. Chairs for each group were recommended.

4. First Year Program Committee
   Maggie met with the First Year Program Committee. Members discussed coordinating the development of the first year liberal arts colloquia and the development of policy and procedure in areas in which GEPC and FYPC authority overlaps. The FYPC agreed to collaborate in hosting at least 10 first year liberal arts colloquia (LAQ) during fall 2006. Members of the committee recommended that in implementation, half of the incoming students should enroll in the LAQ in the fall and half in the spring. The other half, should enroll in a writing course and a linked Tier I course, similar to the current first year clusters. Student enrollment would be capped at the size of the writing class and the peer mentor program would be in effect. A meeting will be held with Dr. Pachis to discuss questions of resources and implementation.

New Business

5. Colloquia development
   The Deans will be prepared to announce to department chairs soon that faculty will be solicited to teach pilot sections of the LAQ. The characteristics sought for these courses and instructors are: an enthusiasm for subject matter that is current and interdisciplinary; a desire to inspire and engage first year students; a willingness to work with other faculty in the design, development, implementation and assessment of the liberal arts colloquia.

6. Webpage Development
   This topic was deferred until another meeting.

7. Curriculum Committee submission
   Maggie will begin completing forms for submitting the General Education Program and First Year Liberal Arts Colloquium course to the Curriculum Committee for approval.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin, Chair