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

1. Review and acceptance of minutes of 31 October 2005. Motion (Singh, Jones-Bamman) accepted (6 in favor, 1 abstention).

Old Business

2. Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Proposal
   The curriculum proposal passed Curriculum Committee (CC) on November 3. The CC will submit their recommendation to Senate. The Senate Executive Committee meets on November 8. The bill will be presented at Senate on November 15 and voted upon on December 6. GEPC members volunteered to be present at these meetings.

3. Colloquia development - First Year Program Committee (FYPC)
   The GEPC and FYPC will hold a forum on Thursday November 10 to inform faculty about piloting the Liberal Arts Colloquia in fall 2006. The syllabus for the LAQ will be developed by the GEPC for submission to the CC.

4. ICE Working Groups – Reports
   Information Literacy
   The group has scheduled its first meeting.
   Critical Thinking
   The group continues to meet. It has crafted a common definition of critical thinking and faculty have presented student assignments to test this. Faculty fora will be held on November 29 (2:00 p.m.) and November 30 (11:00 a.m.).
   Communication
   The group expects to meet this week.
   Ethics
   The group has met and is working on developing a common understanding and definition of the content area.

New Business

5. Catalog Copy
   The Committee reviewed the current catalog copy for the general education program. Members suggested that the course titles for all HPE courses be listed in the catalog.

6. Implementation plans
   Members discussed future agenda items and tasks necessary for implementation. These include: development of forms for all Liberal Arts Core Curriculum (LACC) courses, especially for the Liberal Arts Colloquium (LAQ); budget plan for the LAQ pilot; development of a general education program webpage to describe the current program; analysis of resource needs for LACC implementation; piloting of other Tier I courses; development of policies related to LACC and transfer students.

   The Committee discussed ongoing efforts for faculty engagement and direction. Members agreed to develop a program to be hosted immediately following the January faculty meeting, January 19, 2006, to assist in the development of the Liberal Arts Colloquia.

New Business

No new business was introduced.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin, Chair