General Education Program Committee
Minutes
14 November 2005

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

1. Review and acceptance of draft minutes of 14 November 2005 (Booth, Jones-Bamman).

Old Business

2. Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Proposal
   The proposal will be presented at Senate on November 15.

3. Colloquia development - First Year Program Committee
   The joint GEPC and FYPC forum regarding the piloting of the Liberal Arts Colloquia (LAQ) was held on November 10. Five faculty attended in addition to the committee chairs. Seven proposals had been received by that date. Faculty posed questions about alternative approaches to the LAQs. Could these be team taught? Might all students be required to attend weekly lectures or events? Would laboratory time also be possible? The GEPC would like to host another forum prior to the end of the semester.

4. ICE Working Groups – Reports
   Information Literacy
   The group has met and begun to review the current objectives.

   Communications
   The group will meet on November 21.

   Critical Thinking
   The working group has been meeting weekly and will present two faculty for a at the end of the month.

   Ethics
   The group has met for a second time with some progress in reaching a common understanding of the approach.

   The committee discussed a suggestion to produce a workbook to assist faculty in becoming more knowledgeable about infusing ethics into the liberal arts core and major programs.

New Business

5. Implementation plans
   The GEPC needs to begin development of forms for submission of courses to be included in the new LACC. The committee will review the current forms and policies to begin revision.

6. Committee Name
   Members of the GEPC would like to change the name of the committee to better reflect our liberal arts mission and the oversight of the liberal arts core curriculum. Members brainstormed names for future consideration. These were: Liberal Arts Committee, Liberal Arts Core Committee, Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Committee, and an acronym for the latter, LAC3.

   No other new business was raised.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin, Chair