Present: Chuck Booth, Hope Cook, Novagrami George, Richard Jones-Bamman, Maggie Martin, David Pellegrini, Carol Williams

1. Review and acceptance of draft minutes 10 November 2004 (Jones-Bamman, Williams)

Old Business

2. Student Engagement
   Plans continue for the production of GER TV tonight. Carol reported that tee-shirts have been produced and will be ready for the evening. David Pellegrini and Bill Salka will host the show. Novagrami has recruited approximately twenty students to be the studio audience and five social work students have volunteered to be telephone crew. Posters have been printed and distributed to student housing. The script has been developed by David and Denise. The show will be aired tonight at 9:00 p.m. Many committee members will be present for the airing.

3. Forums and Working Groups
   a) Reports on recent meetings
      Ethics
      The Ethics Working Group met with representatives from Philosophy, Education and Business. Consensus was developed on the purpose, learning objectives and curriculum approach, including a recommendation for an ethics course early in the general education curriculum.

      Culture
      The Culture Working Group met with representatives from Anthropology, History, English, Fine Arts, and Performing Arts. Multiple perspectives were advanced and tentative wording for the purpose statement was accepted. Numerous approaches to learning objectives were advanced but no recommendations for final working or curricular elements agreed upon.

      Natural Sciences
      Natural Science faculty met to review the first draft of purpose and learning objectives. The group reduced multiple learning objectives to three central goals and advanced a proposal for a science curriculum: a foundation critical thinking course and two subsequent natural science courses, one with a lab or field experience.

      Communication
      The Communication Working Group met with representatives of the English and Communication Departments present. The group drafted a purpose and learning outcomes and recommended that communication, written and oral, be infused throughout the curriculum.

   c. Agenda and approach: December 1 Forum

   Discussion of the approach to the December 1 faculty forum. Members agreed that the forum will be used for reports from all of the working groups and open discussion about the process and the proposed content of the curriculum. Committee members will report on Natural Sciences (Chuck), Arts and Humanities (Richard), and Social Sciences (Maggie).
New Business

5. Spring Faculty Meeting
   Committee members discussed how to best utilize the presence of faculty at the University Meeting (January 20, 2005). Members agreed that another faculty meeting should be held immediately following the University meeting and that a general education consultant, such as Andrea Leskes of the Association of American Colleges and Universities, be invited to present to the faculty about tiered curriculum models and general education reform.

Next Meeting: The next GEPC meeting will be Wednesday, December 1, at 9:30 am in Webb 258.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin, Chair