General Education Program Committee  
Minutes  
1 December 2004  

Present: Chuck Booth, Hope Cook, Richard Jones-Bamman, Maggie Martin, Delar Singh, Carol Williams, Bob Wolf  

1. Review and acceptance of draft minutes 17 November 2004 (Booth, Jones-Bamman)  

Old Business  

2. Student Engagement  
The Committee reviewed feedback and discussed the GER TV show that aired last week. Opinions about the show were generally very positive. Students indicated interest and excitement about the topic. There were 32 telephone calls during the 60-minute show. There was agreement that the timing of the event was good and that other efforts to engage students in the discussion about general education reform will be forthcoming.  

3. Forums and Working Groups  
a) Reports on recent meetings  

   History Working Group  
The History Working Group met with two members of the History Department, a member of the Education faculty, and GEPC members. The group proposed a working definition, learning objectives and curriculum elements for this area.  

b) Agenda and approach: December 1 Forum  
Committee members will present the latest document drafts of working groups and be available to answer questions about the Committee process.  

4. Spring Faculty Meeting  
Committee members discussed the University Meeting (January 20, 2005) and the GEPC meeting with faculty immediately following the University meeting. Andrea Leskes Vice President of the Association of American Colleges and Universities is available to present to the faculty about tiered curriculum models and general education reform, and to consult with the Committee about strategies for curriculum design. Maggie will write a formal request to Dr. Pachis for funding for this effort.  

New Business  

5. Spring Meeting Schedule  
Faculty present discussed schedules for spring meetings. Monday afternoon was the preferred time for GEPC meetings. Members not present will be polled for their availability.  

Next Meeting: The next GEPC meeting will be Wednesday, December 8, at 9:30 am in Webb 258.  

Respectfully submitted,  

Maggie Martin, Chair