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

1. Review and acceptance of the minutes of 28 November 2005 (Booth, Singh).

Old Business

2. Liberal Arts Core Curriculum Proposal

The Senate will vote on the Liberal Arts Core Curriculum proposal at its meeting on December 6.

3. Colloquia development - First Year Program Committee

The Committee reviewed the course proposal form for the Liberal Arts Colloquium (LAQ). The draft was refined to eliminate some of the specific sections related to teaching style, linkages, etc. to insure that the application would be more accessible to faculty. The application should be submitted with a proposed syllabus to the First Year Program Committee. The applications should be specific enough to insure that faculty achieve the objectives of the LAQ, employ active learning strategies (including activities such as discussion, debate, presentation, production, field trips, performance attendance and monitored experiential activities). The draft application will be sent to Anne Dawson for review and editing by the First Year Program Committee.

4. ICE Working Groups

A meeting between the liaisons and the ICE Working Group chairs will be called for early next semester.
   a. Information Literacy
      A beginning definition of information literacy and the development of the current content in the LACC are being developed.
   b. Critical Thinking
      This working group held two, well-attended faculty fora to discuss the proposed definition and approach to teaching critical thinking. A report from the forum was presented by Delar.
   c. Communications
      Andrew has volunteered to substitute as the liaison for the Communications working group during Richard’s sabbatical.
   d. Ethics
      No new report.

5. Implementation plans

Following passage of the new curriculum, implementation plans will begin in earnest in spring 2006.

6. January University Meeting Planning

The FYPC and GEPC will host a faculty forum on working with first year students. Anne Dawson will recruit faculty from the First Year Program to discuss their work. Chuck suggested that we request a presentation by Honors faculty by contacting Phil Elliott. A location close to the University meeting where lunch can be served is preferred.

New Business

No new business was raised.

Next meeting January 2006

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin, Chair