General Education Program Committee
Minutes
23 January 2006

Members Present: Chuck Booth, Hope Cook, Maggie Martin, Delar Singh, Andrew Utterback, Carol Williams, Carmen Cid (ex-officio)

1. Review and acceptance of the minutes of 5 December 2005 (Booth, Singh).

2. Correspondence and Announcements

Old Business
3. January University Meeting Discussion
   The joint meeting of the GEPC and FYPC was very well attended with at least 70 faculty members present. The presentations by Honors faculty and First Year Program faculty were informative and dynamic. They were diverse with some focusing on design, collaboration, implementation, or evaluation. They offered sound concrete ideas and information about first year programs and colloquia.

4. Colloquia development
   The draft of the GEPC application for the LAQ was forwarded to the FYPC. That committee has finalized the document and distributed it to faculty. We will post this document and the call for proposals on our website. Dr. Pachis has approved piloting another ten LAQ in spring 2007. He approved financial support for the first time development of a LAQ.
   The GEPC will submit the LAQ proposal to the Curriculum Committee with the sample syllabi submitted for the fall 2006 colloquia.

5. ICE Working Groups
   A meeting with the GEPC liaisons and the chairs of each of the working groups will be held today.

6. Implementation plans
   The committee needs preliminary estimates of the number and type of courses likely to be proposed in each of the sections of the new LAC. The committee will develop a survey for department chairs to seek their preliminary projections of the numbers and types of courses to be submitted for inclusion in the LAC.

   Discussion ensued about course numbering in the LAC. It is expected that Tier I courses will be numbered 100-200. Many of the Tier II courses will be 300 and Tier III, 300-400. More responsibility and more analysis is required in 300, than in 200, level courses.

New Business
7. Web Page Update
   New text and a new structure for the GEPC webpage has been sent to Kevin Gill.

8. Conferences
   Information about upcoming AACU conferences was distributed.

9. Other
   No new business was raised.

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Minutes respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin, Chair