General Education Program Committee
Minutes
13 October 2004

Present: Chuck Booth (acting Chair), Hope Cook, Richard Jones-Bamman, Delar Singh, Carol Williams, Nancy Salter (ex-officio).

1. Review and acceptance of draft minutes of 6 October, 2004 (Jones-Bamman, Singh)

Old Business

2. Vote on GER models

A mock electronic vote was conducted to test the voting system software. Two GEPC members participated: Hope Cook encountered some difficulty in the voting process, while Delar Singh did not; it was not clear why other GEPC members were not asked to participate.

The Senate Executive Committee discussed the vote on the preferred GER model at its meeting yesterday (October 12); the Executive Committee decided to delay the vote until faculty concerns about electronic voting can be addressed. Chuck Booth will contact Senate President, Marty Levin, to find out the when the vote is likely to be held.

3. Forums and Working Groups

Because of potential scheduling conflicts later in the month, it was decided to hold a task force/working group discussion for the arts and humanities on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 3-5 pm, pending the availability of a room; Carol Williams will try to locate a suitable meeting room. A task force discussion for the natural sciences was tentatively scheduled for Friday, October 29, 11 am to 1 pm; Chuck Booth will locate a room.

4. Student Engagement

Maggie Martin spoke with Jim LoMonoco, who suggested that the televised student discussion about the new GER be held at 10 pm, Wednesday, November 17. David Pellegrini will be one moderator; a second faculty moderator has not yet been identified. Carol Williams will contact David P. about recruiting students to participate.

5. General education goals

Maggie Martin provided the committee with a list of questions about GER goals to be used as a framework for the task force discussions; some minor changes were made. Delar Singh will send a copy to all faculty via email so they will know in advance what topics will be discussed by the task force groups.

6. Academic Affairs representative

Chuck Booth will contact the Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee to find out who is the committee’s representative to the GEPC.

7. GEPC Forums

Open faculty forums to discuss the GER are scheduled for October 28, 3-4 pm (Johnson Room, Library), and December 1, 3-4 pm (Webb 110).
New Business

No new business was introduced.

Next Meeting: The next GEPC meeting will be Wednesday, October 20, at 9:30 am in Webb 258.

Respectfully submitted,

Chuck Booth, Acting Chair