Present: Chuck Booth, Hope Cook, Richard Jones-Bamman, Maggie Martin, Carol Williams, Bob Wolf, Nancy Salter, ex-officio.

1. Review and acceptance of draft minutes 13 October 2004
   Minutes of the meeting of October 13 were reviewed and approved (Jones-Bamman, Cook).

Old Business

2. Vote on GER Models
   The University Senate Executive Committee sought feedback regarding the nature and timing of the vote on general education curriculum models. Maggie encouraged the Executive Committee to forward a ballot that contained only two options for the vote – a choice between a tiered or a distribution model. The Senate President requested that the GEPC circulate a final e-mail announcement to the faculty that described the models and the purpose of the vote, especially clarifying to faculty that the vote was a vote on direction, and not a final curriculum plan.

3. Forums and Working Groups
   Three forums regarding specific content have been scheduled: Arts and Humanities (October 20), Social Sciences (October 22) and Sciences (October 29). Maggie will print copies of our mandates and previous statements of purpose from our current ger, COLA, and prior GEPC proposals. Proposals for the purpose, learning objectives and curriculum approach should be ready by November 10.

4. Meeting with Computer Science faculty
   Richard and Chuck summarized a meeting with Computer Science faculty. The faculty reviewed their recommendation for requiring fluency in information technology to be incorporated into the general education requirements. Although the program did not make a formal recommendation regarding the approach to acquiring this knowledge, they did indicate a preference for requiring a specific course in this area.

5. Student Engagement
   Carol reported on her work with Denise Matthews. The studio has been booked for November 17 at 9:00 p.m. David will work with the Student Government Association to recruit a studio audience. Students from academic clubs will also be recruited. The Committee will need to staff the computers and one member will need to secure an IM account. The Committee needs feedback from RA’s about the feasibility of recruiting an audience for the event.

4. General education goals
   Tabled.

5. Academic Affairs representative
   The Committee has not yet met.

New Business

6. New course proposal
   The Committee reviewed a proposal for the addition of EES 205, Energy and the Environment to be included in section IA. Members discussed the suitability of this course for the section and reviewed the supporting materials. No decision was reached and further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Next Meeting: The next GEPC meeting will be Wednesday, October 27, at 9:30 am in Webb 258.

Respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin, Chair