

General Education Task Force Meeting Notes (1/19/12)

Present: Cliff Abbott, Kevin Collins, Susan Cooper, Tim Dale, Heidi Fencel, Debbie Furlong, Scott Furlong, Ray Hutchison, Andy Kersten, Donna Ritch, John Stoll, Bryan, Vescio

1. There were no modifications of the notes of the past meeting.
2. Since the Provost attended our last meeting, Andy asked if she had any follow up. Scott said that she enjoyed the meeting and felt much better with the reform efforts than prior to the meeting.
3. Scott asked for feedback on the memo he plans to send to Chairs regarding discussions about concerns the units brought up when Cliff, Lucy, Tim, and Bryan met with them. Cliff felt the sentence about writing emphasis courses should be deleted. Everyone supported the inclusion of the timeline in the memo. One suggestion was to extend the timeline to include assessment and HLC accreditation. Tim wanted to know when the memo would go out to the chairs. Any discussions at the meeting today that clarifies issues brought forth will be incorporated into the memo.
4. The remainder of the meeting focused upon the interdisciplinary capstone seminar. Should the seminars come out of interdisciplinary units only or can a disciplinary unit offer a capstone seminar? Included in this discussion was whether internships, field experiences, and honors projects count toward this requirement. When discussing criteria of these seminars, several individuals thought that group interactions should also be a requirement. After much discussion, it was suggested that the seminar be labeled "capstone seminar" and a bulleted list of criteria for the seminar accompany it, such as it must be interdisciplinary, problem focused, etc. Scott will develop this as well as a similar list for the first year or introductory seminars.
5. A suggestion was made that due to recent discussions in the Senate involving the word "perspectives" that the first year seminars should not be called "first year perspective" courses.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, February 10, 2012 at 1:30 PM