General Education Task Force Meeting Notes (5/18/10)

Present: Cliff Abbott, Derryl Block, Kevin Collins, Tim Dale, Heidi Fencil, Debbie Furlong, Scott Furlong, Ray Hutchison, Donna Ritch, John Stoll, Bryan Vescio, Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges

Guest: Provost Julia Wallace

The Task Force discussed General Education models proposed by members:

Bryan Vescio (Crazy General Education Proposal)
  - Primarily three tiers
    - First Year Seminar in some form
      - Large lectures with small discussion sections to integrate what is going on in large lectures
      - Opportunity for every freshman to have same curricular experience
    - Interdisciplinary courses in different units
    - Requirements distributed among disciplines

Ray Hutchison (adopted from Georgetown University)
  - Humanities heavy
  - Writing across the curriculum
  - Required foreign language

Regan Gurung
  - Skills across the curriculum
  - Flexibility in what students take

Tim Dale
  - Based on general education purpose and mission
  - Two interdisciplinary seminars
  - Academic skills across the curriculum

Scott Furlong
  - First Year Seminars
  - Thematic clusters
  - Scaffolding

Cliff Abbott
  - State model based on UW-Colleges
  - Home-grown model
    - First year and senior seminars
    - Students have more than one option

Derryl Block
  - Distribution requirements
  - Double counting of courses

NEXT MEETING: TBA