General Education Task Force Meeting Notes (07/15/10)

Present: Cliff Abbott, Lucy Arendt, Derryl Block, Heidi Fencl, Debbie Furlong, Scott Furlong, Regan Gurung, Ray Hutchison, Donna Ritch, Bryan Vescio, Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges

1. Scott presented information on “Shared Futures: Global Learning and Social Responsibility,” a workshop on a globally engaged general education curriculum sponsored by the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). The members of the task force spent time discussing whether an application should be submitted. A major area of discussion was to what extent does the workshop sponsor expect incorporation of global systems into a reformed general education curriculum. Some members felt that we have incorporated global systems into our plan to some extent and that we should proceed without altering what we have done so far. Others also thought that if accepted, the workshop would keep us moving in a forward direction. Scott will begin preparing an application to the workshop.

2. The four mock models of general education were discussed. Scott had put these together from models the members of the task force developed. Scott also included assumptions about the models. Discussion focused upon:
   - Exclusion of the assumptions from the models at this point in time. The assumptions should be discussed more at a later date. Members felt faculty would get hung up on the assumptions and not read the models.
   - How detailed do we want to present the models? The faculty need enough information to comment on the models.
   - One member suggested that we survey the faculty on different components of the models rather than the models themselves. The items that were identified as the most accepted could be combined into a model(s) for discussion later (possibly at a forum).

Scott will begin putting together a survey outlining these components.

Next Meeting: TBD