General Education Task Force Meeting Notes (08/25/10)

Present: Cliff Abbott, Lucy Arendt, Derryl Block, Kevin Collins, Tim Dale, Debbie Furlong, Scott Furlong, Regan Gurung, Ray Hutchison, Andy Kersten, Donna Ritch, Bryan Vescio, Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges

1. Scott distributed the AAC&U publication “General Education & Liberal Learning.”

2. The deadline for the AAC&U proposal “Shared Futures: Global Learning and Social Responsibility” is September 15th. Scott distributed a draft of the proposal to several members of the Task Force who have yet to respond. Scott will distribute it to remaining Task Force members for feedback.

3. The next agenda item was to finalize the survey regarding components of a general education program for distribution to faculty and select academic staff. Discussion included:
   - Asking for budgetary unit, including a range of years employed at UW-Green Bay, and adding a category as faculty/instructional academic staff/non-instructional academic staff
   - Making the introductory paragraph stronger by removing Task Force and emphasizing the Faculty Senate approved the learning outcomes
   - Whether there should be more questions about transfer students; several members felt transfer students should be discussed during implementation of a general education plan
   - Removing first-year seminar and leave just as seminar in Section A. Introducing students to interdisciplinary education
   - Disciplinary breadth through interdisciplinary courses

Individuals taking the survey are not required to respond to every question but the hope would be that they would. Members of the Task Force should encourage individuals in their units to take the survey.

The development of a general education faculty, which was also brought up, will be discussed at a later time.

Next Meeting: TBD