General Education Task Force Meeting Notes (10/17/11)

Present: Cliff Abbott, Lucy Arendt, Derryl Block, Kevin Collins, Susan Cooper, Tim Dale, Scott Furlong, Ray Hutchison, Andy Kersten, Sue Mattison, Donna Ritch, John Stoll, Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges

Guests: Stefan Hall, Jennifer Ham, Steve Meyer (GEC members)

1. Tim, Lucy, Bryan, and Cliff have visited five units so far to discuss the proposed general education model.
   - Overall, the comments have been remarkably positive. Many faculty felt that this model was more reasonable than the current model, tied in with the University mission, exhibited simplicity, and liked the book end idea of a first year perspective course and a capstone seminar course.
   - Concerns included reduction of credits in breadth requirement (NAS), transfer of courses into UW-Green Bay (Nursing), and lack of civic engagement courses within the gen ed curriculum (PEA)
   - Questions about implementation and skills arose.
   - The group will visit the remaining units for feedback within the next two weeks.

2. Scott distributed a revised version of what we previously called learning outcomes. The new, and more appropriate, title of the document is “Elements of Creative and Critical Thinking.” There was discussion as to whether the elements should be reordered putting mission linked elements at the top or should the order of the elements match the model. Many felt that the order was dependent upon the audience. We are still missing the elements for humanities, creative thinking, and fine arts.

NEXT MEETING: Friday, November 11, 2011 at 2:00 PM