General Education Task Force Meeting Notes (5/25/11)

Present: Cliff Abbott, Lucy Arendt, Kevin Collins, Susan Cooper-Twamley, Tim Dale, Heidi Fencl, Debbie Furlong, Scott Furlong, Regan Gurung, Andrew Kersten, Georjeanna Wilson-Doenges

1. The notes from the last meeting were approved. Related to that, Scott reminded the group that many materials for the Task Force’s work are available online at [http://www.uwgb.edu/lasdean/genEd/taskforce/](http://www.uwgb.edu/lasdean/genEd/taskforce/)

2. We discussed the time line Scott proposed. Potential improvements proposed include:
   - Listing a detailed budget/resource/impact plan as a separate step
   - Providing sub-headings under each activity to detail specific milestones for each

3. We discussed how senior leadership can best lead the up-coming activities. The task force can identify resources controlled by the Provost and request that they be devoted to general education implementation. For example, during implementation the CATL should set work related to general education reform above other possible teaching advancement projects.

4. We discussed the domain committee responses to the model. Some responses reflect a misunderstanding of the model. There are real controversies: on several issues many faculty understand perfectly what the model proposes and they do not like it, e.g. “losing” credits, moving away from content defined learning outcomes. Communication between the task force and the budgetary units is becoming more critical. Units need to communicate how their work would need to change in order to implement the proposed model; they need to lay out “this is what it would take”. The Task Force needs to help units see how the model provides them with new flexibilities.

5. We discussed different approaches to the skills components (writing, oral communication, critical thinking, problem solving, and information literacy) (quantitative literacy has been identified as a specific requirement in the model).

Next Meeting Wednesday, June 15, 2011, MAC 201, 11:30 – 1:00