General Education Task Force Meeting Notes (9/16/11)

Present: Cliff Abbott, Lucy Arendt, Derryl Block, Kevin Collins, Tim Dale, Heidi Fencl, Debbie Furlong, Scott Furlong, Ray Hutchison, Andy Kersten, Sue Mattison, Donna Ritch, John Stoll

1. The Task Force began by reviewing the notes from the previous meeting. There was some discussion on the general education plan for transfer students. We would deal with transfer students in a similar manner that we do now. The notes were approved as is.

2. Discussion of the learning objectives followed:
   - What do we want to call the learning objectives or outcomes since these are not appropriate terms; suggestions included values, educational commitments, foundational outcomes, educational values, values and commitments, qualities of an educated person, or learning elements
   - Some frameworks contain negative language
   - Frameworks need parallel structure; for example, some frameworks begin with “Experiences that meet……”; we should make them all consistent in language
   - There is some overlap among the learning objectives, for instance critical thinking and problem solving; the group decided to change problem solving to problem focused and to blend that with creative and critical thinking (Scott will work on this)
   - Change global culture to global perspectives

3. Update on communication with units
   Most meetings of interdisciplinary units and task force representatives (Tim, Bryan, Lucy, and Cliff) have been scheduled.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 18, 2011 at 8:30 AM – 10:00 AM