General Education Task Force Meeting Notes (11/16/12)

Present: Cliff Abbott, Lucy Arendt, Kevin Collins, Susan Cooper, Heidi Fencl, Debbie Furlong, Scott Furlong, Susan Gallagher-Lepak, Sue Mattison, Tom Nesslein, Donna Ritch

1. Scott distributed a timeline of activities for implementation of the new general education model. He asked task force members to review it for omission of any major activities.

2. Learning outcomes of gen ed should change to reflect the new general education program. Scott asked the subcommittees that put together the Elements of Creative and Critical Thinking last year to now write actual learning outcomes for these that we can share with the GEC.

3. A discussion followed regarding double counting a general education course in more than one category in general education. The consensus was to permit double counting as a breadth course and a perspectives course. A course would have to meet the learning outcomes of a particular category as standalone.

4. Should there be prerequisites on general education courses? After several examples where a course with a prerequisite may fall into a general education category, the members recommend careful evaluation of the prerequisites for any course that will be considered general education.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 3:00 PM in MAC 201