General Education Task Force Meeting Notes (8/16/12)

Present: Cliff Abbott, Lucy Arendt, Heidi Fencl, Debbie Furlong, Scott Furlong, Ray Hutchison, Andy Kersten, Susan Lepak-Gallagher, Sue Mattison, Tom Nesslein, Donna Ritch, Bryan Vescio

1. There were no modifications of the notes from the past meeting.

2. Susan Lepak-Gallagher is replacing Derryl Block (left University); Tom Nesslein is replacing Ray Hutchison (sabbatical replacement) on the Task Force

3. Scott and Debbie have met with all Unit Chairs to discuss resource modeling. Scott felt that the model should be discussed with Interdisciplinary Studies and Task Force members agreed. The meeting should include Scott, the Executive Committee Chair, Christina Trombley (the new Director), and Lucy Arendt (who volunteered to be there since she also serves on the Executive Committee). The model has already been discussed with individuals involved in the collaborative programs in Nursing and HIMT. Donna asked if the model had been discussed with Bellin College. This led to the question as to whether their students should take first year seminars. Since they pre-register, their students will not be required to take First Year Seminars. Donna will discuss the model with the Bellin faculty at their next collaborative meeting.

4. The next item was a return to incorporation of skills in the model. After some discussion on a skills inventory and what skills should be associated with breadth courses, Lucy made a motion which Cliff seconded: the first year seminars will address interdisciplinarity, communication, information literacy; the capstone experience will address interdisciplinarity, problem solving, and communication and the perspective courses will address critical thinking skills. Breadth courses do not have a specific skill which they will be expected to address. The motion passed 12-0-2.

5. The model will go to the Faculty Senate at the October 3, 2012, meeting.

NEXT MEETING: TBA