General Education Task Force Meeting Notes (9/20/12)


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

2. Lucy provided an update on the presentation she and Bryan Vescio made to the Faculty Senate regarding the proposed General Education model. She thought it went well. There were some questions and concerns: only 3 credits of Fine Arts requirements, lack of a requirement in the life sciences (rather than just a science requirement in general), and a lack of a technology requirement. Members of the task force felt that we looked at many models and ours is built upon a solid foundation.

3. Scott met with several members in leadership positions of Student Government concerning the model. They liked the idea that the model reflected the University’s mission and provided students with a better idea of interdisciplinarity. The students will share this among the members of their executive committee.

4. Scott will ask the Chairs if they would like a member of the task force to attend a unit meeting to address any further questions about the model before a vote is taken at the next Faculty Senate meeting (Oct. 3rd).

5. Lucy, Scott, and Donna will meet with the General Education Council on Thursday, Sept. 27th to present the model and respond to questions with a goal that the GEC endorses the model.

6. Scott provided an overview of a “Transitions and Resources” document that he put together. It includes support for faculty development, transition coverage (running two gen ed programs for a period of time during the transition), governance support (the GEC will have to review all courses for general education consideration), and assessment support.

NEXT MEETING: TBA