

# General Education Task Force

## Minutes of the April 7, 2011 Meeting

Present: Chair: Etta Madden, ENG; Richard Garrad, BMS; Cynthia Wilson-Hail, Faculty Senate; Tim Knapp, SOC; Pam Sailors, Associate Dean CHPA; Cathy Pearman, RFT; Thomas Lane, Director PSU; Justin Mellish, SGA Vice President; Chantal Levesque, FCTL; John Kent, MKT; Eric Nelson, HIS; Doug Gouzie, GGP; John Catau, Provost Office; Kristina Moller, SGA Academic Affairs

Absent: Danae Hudson, Provost Fellow, PSY; Kathryn Hope, Department Head, NUR

### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting came to order at 1:00 p.m. in LIBR 204.

### II. MINUTES

The March 24, 2011 minutes were approved as submitted.

### III. OPEN SESSIONS

The Chair reported a low turnout for the open sessions on March 25<sup>th</sup> and April 11<sup>th</sup>. Comments from attendees reinforced survey feedback.

### IV. STUDENT FOCUS GROUPS AND SURVEYS

The first student focus group met on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Three more sessions are scheduled for the following week. Of interest were student's statements that it is okay to make college harder. The Student Survey has attained IRB approval. The survey is scheduled to be forwarded to students prior to the spring holiday.

### V. REPORTS ON INSTITUTIONS

The committee discussed compiling a list of institutions from those examined in the last few months. Ball State, Western Polytechnic, Portland State University, Northern Arizona, and University of Minnesota at Duluth were among the institutions identified.

### VI. LEARNING OUTCOMES

It was suggested work on a draft of the learning outcomes could be workshop project for Task Force members who attend the **Institute on General Education and Assessment**.

### VII. CGEIP AND West Plains

The committee discussed exploring options to allow a West Plains Campus representative to join meetings via SKYPE, and inviting one or two members of CGEIP to join the Task Force.

### VIII. AJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

**The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Thursday April 28th, 8:00 a.m. in Library 204 (FCTL conference room)**