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General Education Task Force

Minutes of the November 8, 2010 Meeting

Present: Chair: Etta Madden, ENG; John Catau, Office of the Provost; Richard Garrad, BMS; Doug Gouzie, GGP; Kathryn Hope, Department Head, NUR; Cynthia Wilson-Hail, CEFS; Danae Hudson, Provost Fellow, PSY; John Kent, MKT; Tim Knapp, SOC; Justin Mellish, SGA Vice President; Eric Nelson, HIS; Pam Sailors, Associate Dean CHPA; Katie Shellenberg, SGA Academic Affairs

Absent: Cathy Pearman, RTF; Thomas Lane, Director PSU

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting to order at 8:01 in Carrington 203. The meeting began with introductions.

II. REVIEW OF CHARGE/HISTORY/INITIAL FOCUS

The Chair gave an overview of the General Education Review website located on the Provost page. This website houses minutes of the committee meetings, membership, the charge, list of resources, and presentations. The minutes of the committee meetings will be housed on this page. Blackboard will be utilized to communicate internally.

The Chair gave a brief history regarding the previous Higher Learning Commission review that took place in fall 2005. This review suggested improving diversity as well as connecting the Public Affairs mission to general education. A student committee member related the general student body perspective that the present general education program is similar to that offered during high school.

Next, the Task Force discussed the phases for the project. It will take 2-3 years for completion of the charge. The work will begin with building a recommendation of student learning goals/outcomes by soliciting and communicating with the campus community (faculty, students, and staff) and alumni. Methods will include utilizing faculty senate representatives and small group settings within departments to determine where we are and where we want to be. Peer institutions will be researched to determine best practices in general education. Review of existing surveys and creation of new surveys also were proposed methods. The Career Center will be asked to share Employer expectations. Some of the identified challenges for the Task Force and for the revision of general education include funding, staffing, delivery modes, section size and space. Phase 2 would ideally start sometime in 2011-2012 academic year.

III. The meeting adjourned at 9:13.

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2010, 8:00 a.m. in Karls 232