

## General Education Task Force

### Minutes of the May 5, 2011 meeting

Present: Etta Madden, ENG; David Mitchell, ECO – CGEIP Rep; Cindy Hail, Faculty Senate; Doug Gouzie, GGP; Richard Garrard, BMS; Pam Sailors, PHI; Thomas Lane, Director PSU; Kathryn Hope, NUR; John Catau, Provost Office; and John Kent, MKT

Absent: Timothy Knapp, SOC; Cathy Pearman, RFT; Justin Mellish, SGA; Kristina Moller, SGA; Danae Hudson, Provost Fellow, PSY; Eric Nelson, HIS; Chantal Levesque, FCTL

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 p.m. in LIBR 204.

#### II. STUDENT FOCUS GROUPS

Wave files are available of the focus group discussions and still need to be transcribed. Important information from those files will be extracted and included on the public website, and a list of bullet points will be available. Information on participants' GPAs was provided—with an average of 3.38 and a range of 1.7 to 4.0.

#### III. STUDENT SURVEY

Results from the student survey were discussed. Additional conversation focused on the coding of faculty and student survey results.

#### IV. SGA RESOLUTION

The committee discussed the SGA resolution recommending the creation of a social entrepreneurship course. This class would emphasize social entrepreneurship recognizing students' expressed interest in social change and social entrepreneurship as indicated by the large turnout to the Tom's Shoes presentation.

#### V. OTHER COURSES/GOALS

The committee discussed the possibility of having a social responsibility category where options might be social, sustainable, or fiscal responsibility and students could choose one.

#### VI. KEY INSTITUTIONS

The committee continued to discuss aspects of key institutions, including Portland State, Cal State Fresno, Ball State, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Arcadia, and Cal State Channel Islands. Aspects included upper division courses, international capstone courses, global learning, immersive experience, writing intensive courses, required language exposure, and summer bridge programs for underprepared students.

#### VII. AACU WORKSHOP

The group attending the San Jose State workshop requested a folder of the most important material gathered this year, including a list of bullet points from the student focus groups, faculty open sessions, and the surveys. A poster also will need to be compiled.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.