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General Education Task Force

Minutes of the March 17, 2011 Meeting

Present: Chair: Etta Madden, ENG; Richard Garrad, BMS; Cynthia Wilson-Hail, Faculty Senate; Danae Hudson, Provost Fellow, PSY; Tim Knapp, SOC; Pam Sailors, Associate Dean CHPA; Cathy Pearman, RFT; Thomas Lane, Director PSU; Justin Mellish, SGA Vice President :Chantal Levesque, FCTL; Kathryn Hope, Department Head, NUR; John Kent, MKT

Absent: Katie Shellenberg, SGA Academic Affairs; Eric Nelson, HIS; Doug Gouzie, GGP; John Catau, Provost Office

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting came to order at 8:00 a.m. in LIBR 204.

II. MINUTES

The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. AACU WORKSHOP

The Chair reported a contingent from Missouri State University has been accepted for the AACU workshop to be held in San Jose, June 4<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup>.

IV. FACULTY SURVEYS

Faculty Surveys are due on Monday, March 21. To date, 350 members have completed the survey. The two lowest scoring items were 1) the current general education program meets the university's mission and 2) the current general education program prepares students for contemporary society. Via the survey fifty-one faculty members have requested contact by a member(s) of the Task Force. To accommodate the request open forums will be scheduled.

V. DRAFT MISSION STATEMENT and LEARNING OUTCOMES

In response to the call for course redesign, the Chair requested volunteers to serve on a subcommittee to develop a draft mission statement and learning outcomes using the data collected from surveys and open sessions. Several members volunteered to assist.

VI. CALL FOR PROPOSALS for course redesign

The committee discussed concerns regarding submission of course redesign proposals without clear learning outcomes and mission statement for general education courses. As a result, it was moved that the following be forwarded to the Office of the Provost:

Whereas the general education task force committee has begun the process of gathering information, in earnest, from faculty, students, peer institutions and other models of best practices regarding potential general education mission, goals, and structure, the committee respectfully recommends the call for proposals for general education courses and changes be postponed until at least the fall semester 2011.

Following discussion, the Chair called for a vote. The motion passed.

VII. REPORTS ON INSTITUTIONS

The committee continued review and discussion on the attributes of AACU targeted institutions and the Seven Revolutions. The Seven Revolutions institutions discussed were California State University at Fresno, Kansas State University, Fort Louis College, Georgia College, and Kennesaw State.

VIII. ADJORNMENT- The meeting adjourned at 9:59 a.m.

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**The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Thursday March 24th, 1:00 p.m. in Library 204 (FCTL conference room)**