General Education Council
Meeting Minutes
Date: Friday, September 13th, 2013
Time: 1:00pm – 3:00pm
Location: Whitaker Hall 227

Members Present: Eric Otto (Chair), Kris De Welde, Anne-Marie Bouché, Rachel Cooke, Carrie Kerekes, Greg McManus
Recorder: Greg McManus

1) The minutes from 09/30/13 were approved pending the addition of Greg McManus’s name to the list of attending members and Rachel Cooke’s name as the individual who seconded Halcyon St. Hill’s nomination of Eric Otto for the position of General Education Council chair.

   Motion: Carrie Kerekes  Second: Anne-Marie Bouché

2) Eric shared some of the faculty feedback he had received in reaction to the final core course recommendations of the General Education Steering and Faculty Committees.

3) GEC members who were present at the town hall meetings shared the feedback they gathered in regards to the mission and purpose statements, the competencies, and the CCC’s. Much of the concern seemed to be centered on the USOP competency, what does it mean and how will it be assessed? Some faculty were concerned that it is not an AAC&U recognized general education competency. Eric presented that Global Learning is a recognized AAC&U general education competency which could be used instead of USOP. Some council members suggested revisiting the idea of including USOP within the GEP as an attribute instead of an assessed competency. The council agreed to table this discussion until the next GEC meeting.

4) Kris presented the council with a draft document for the Innovative Course Design Faculty Grant Opportunity which is going to be offered this semester. She is seeking feedback on this document as well as 2-3 members of the GEC to serve on the awards committee.

5) Next Meeting: Friday, September 27th, 2013, 1:00-3:00pm, WH 227.

6) Meeting adjourned at 2:40pm.