Date: 10/4/12

Time: 1247-1350

Location: SCI 213

Voting members present: Aida Abraha, Sarah Buck, Rosalind Fielder, Monique Germain (recorder), Wanda Mahoney, Steve Rowe (chair)

Ex-officio members present: Philip Cronce, Geb Mulegeta, Devi Potluri, Mark Sudeith

Chair welcomes new members.

1. Ad-hoc elections and approval of results.

The chair noted the election by acclamation of Aida Abraha (CAS-Natural Sciences, Fall 2012-Spring 2015), Sarah Buck (COE, Fall 2012-Spring 2014), Wanda Mahoney (CHSc, Fall 2012-Spring 2014), and Liz Osika (COE, Fall 2012-Spring 2013), all of whom submitted completed ballots and were unopposed for their respective positions on the committee.

In the past when the ballots were submitted for election of new members, the GEC checked with the Department of Academic Affairs to verify status of candidates as well as signatures (Unit A only). Chair will do that for special elections.

Comparison of the GEC to the UPC as the only two university committees where the members are elected by the faculty.

P. Cronce noted: The GEC is only required to submit a report to the faculty senate annually and to notify the Provost’s office where appropriate.

2. Approval of minutes from September 2012 and May 2012 meetings: tabled due to lack of quorum.

3. Representative for the Distance Education Committee

The GEC needs a representative for Distance Education Committee (DEC), as mandated by the DEC by-laws. R. Fielder will be willing to serve. Chair recognizes Rosalind’s willingness to serve.
4. Plan and timeline for review of all Gen Ed courses

General question: what process would we like to use to review all courses for Gen Ed curriculum?

a. i. Look at all courses in that category
   ii. Create all subcommittees
   iii. Dedicate block of time for reviewing courses in certain categories

b. Vision for the curriculum of the Gen Ed committee
   How many courses should there be?
   Answer: we currently have 103 courses, most of them from Arts and Sciences. We need to open invitations for submission from all programs.

   There are 36 credit hours required for Gen Ed: 15 in core courses (6 English Composition, 3 Math, 6 Foreign Languages), 6 Natural Sciences, 6 Humanities, 9 Social Sciences.

   P. Cronce: We need to think about transfer students who bring in Gen Ed courses and how we want to deal with that.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Monique Germain