

**General Education Task Force  
January 23, 2007**

**Announcements:**

There will be an open forum this Friday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, from 3-5pm in Belk Library, room 114.

The time and location have been changed for the second forum. It will take place on Friday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>, from 1-3pm, in the Linville Falls room of PSU.

Minutes will be approved by vote from now on.

Tim made a motion to approve the minutes from last meeting. Paulette seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Laurie posed a question about existing major programs which have incorporated the current core curriculum in their courses of study. How will this be accommodated in the new general education curriculum. Task force members acknowledged this difficulty and admit there are several departments on campus in the same situation. The issues will have to be addressed on a case by case basis, but the ability for double dipping to occur between the core and the major should help the situation. This discussion will be resumed at a later time.

The Wellness group meets today at 9:45. Other task force members are welcome to attend. A possible proposal may be a 2 hr wellness class with an academic orientation. There was some discussion about incorporating a physical component into the academic portion. A report will be given at the next meeting as to the on-going work of wellness committee.

Two informational calls have been scheduled for tomorrow: one to Portland State and one to Grand Valley State. Also, it was suggested that all task force members read the LEAP report.

**Discussion:**

A handout was passed around with the recommendations of the curriculum group. The task force members discussed changes that need to be made to the document. It has been proposed that the name of the Science cluster be changed to "Science Inquiry." Also, a discussion took place about the use of "disciplinary requirements" versus "distribution requirements." The administrative structure for the new general education curriculum was briefly discussed, but it was decided that it is too early to address this subject. Several portions of the curriculum committee's document were changed in order to alleviate confusion and promote clarity at Friday's forum. It was also established that the task force make clear that proposals presented at the forum are works in progress and have not been voted on by task force members.

The volunteers from the curriculum committee that will present at Friday's forum are Paulette, Jim, and Ray.