

General Education Task Force
February 6, 2007

Announcements:

Jim moved to approve the minutes from last meeting. Greg seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Several GETF members attended the Emerging Issues in Higher Education forum in Raleigh. Many issues we are focusing on were addressed at the forum.

Faculty grant recipients were announced last week. The App Scene published an announcement. Ten proposals for new courses are being sent to the core curriculum council to be approved.

Tina passed out a mapping exercise to help the work groups think about assessment when forming the cluster guidelines. Tina worked on this exercise with those in the Assessment working group: Carter, Ann, and Greg.

Sue e-mailed a list of the working groups last week (there are 19). This should cover what we need to address this semester. This week we will address Quantitative Reasoning. Next week we will discuss Writing. Before the forum on February 23rd, we will discuss the Cluster Guidelines. The Communication & Information Technology group is almost ready to present. (We may hear their ideas on the 20th.)

Discussion:

Greg presented the Quantitative Literacy group proposal. (Sammye and Ivan are also on this committee.) They propose a Quantitative Literacy and mathematical sciences requirement which incorporates technology. The process of mathematical science is something that needs to be stressed. The main goal is to observe a generalized situation and analyze it. The proposal is to incorporate this requirement into the Scientific Inquiry cluster. This would increase the hours of that cluster. There may be themes for science majors and themes for non-science majors.

There was some concern among the task force members about incorporating this requirement into the Scientific Inquiry cluster. It might result in a less flexible program of study for students. After much discussion, it was proposed that this requirement be similar to the Sophomore Writing requirement which may stand alone, or be integrated into any cluster. This decision has not been finalized, but it will remain an option. The Curriculum Working Group (plus Greg) will come back with a proposal for next week's meeting.