

Gen Ed Steering Committee
June 27, 2006
Minutes

Present: Anne Kelsch, Jim Mochoruk, Martha Potvin, Libby Rankin, Matt Cavalli, Joan Hawthorne.

August 25 planning

The agenda for the August 25 campus-wide event will be roughly as follows:

9-11:00 or 9-10:30 Morning	Revalidation Workshop with Gen Ed Committee members Set up meeting with Ross Miller, Anne Kelsch, Tom Steen, the provost, and the president
11-12 or 11-12:30	Panel discussion: "Teaching Gen Ed Courses As If They Matter" (maybe 3 UND faculty + Ross Miller, who will bring a national perspective into our local discussion)
12 or 12:30 – 1:15 Afternoon	Lunch – ideally a picnic lunch Ross Miller meets with task force members and with steering committee members; we also invite Gen Ed Committee members either to a meeting with the task force or separately with Ross Miller
Late afternoon	Reception
Evening	Dinner with Ross Miller and steering committee members

Decision-making processes

Jim brought a copy of a document summarizing the work that he and Joan have done regarding decision-making mechanisms. The document will still be reviewed with Tom (another steering committee person who volunteered to work on this) prior to being officially adopted by the steering committee. Martha asked about potential problems with the super-majority proposal outlined in the draft, and that was discussed. The logic of the super-majority is that we'll have trouble selling new ideas across campus at large if we don't have pretty firm commitment within the task force as a whole, although we may need to think about what we'll do if issues come up on which a super-majority cannot be achieved. We agreed that it'll be very important to involve Gen Ed Committee members this coming year and to get them on board with the plan as it develops. Later we'll need to think further about a process for generating enthusiasm and buy-in across the larger campus.

The next steering committee meeting, for those who are in town, is July 13 at 11:00 a.m. It is tentatively scheduled for Twamley 303.

Submitted by
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