

**General Education Advisory Task Force Committee Meeting  
10:00 – 11:30 a.m., Gillham Park Room, Administrative Center  
Wednesday, December 16, 2009**

Attending: Cindy Pemberton, Wayne Vaught, Lynda Plamann, Laura Gayle Green, Paul Cuddy, Deb O'Bannon, Tim Timmons, Linda Garavalia, Jolene Lynn, Kim Bray, Julie Cheslik, Mary Allen

Absent: Marilyn Taylor, Cheryl Grossman

**I. Convene meeting – *Cindy Pemberton***

Cindy Pemberton distributed information on Temple University's "Philadelphia Experience" – a program that ties together a component of their strategic plan (community engagement), general education, and the concept of a passport experience for their students. Students at Temple University have access to a free bus pass enabling them to experience various free or reduced-costs cultural events throughout the city (dance, music, art, etc.) associated with special strategic learning outcomes related to the general education program. This information will be posted on the General Education link on the Provost's web page as well as the General Education SharePoint site.

**II. Reports on Content and Process/General Education from various institutions**

Committee members made presentations on the general education program at the institutions listed below. Written reports accompanied these presentations and were accessed via Sharepoint or distributed at the meeting.

Reports were given by the following members:

- University of Buffalo/SUNY - *Deb O'Bannon, Linda Garavalia*
- University of Cincinnati – *Laura Gayle Green*
- University of Pittsburgh – *Wayne Vaught*
- University of Illinois-Chicago – *Julie Cheslik*
- University of Southern Maine – *Cindy Pemberton*

**As we look into next year:**

- Beginning next semester, we need to start broadening the conversation on campus. Get faculty to participate in the process. Moving the agenda forward is the immediate challenge for this group.
- Outline rationale for revision.
- Discuss sending people to AAC&U general education institute next summer.
- Provide framework of general education curriculum plan to the Provost by the end of the 2010 spring semester. Send in proposal to AAC&U.

### **How do you start having conversations with your units?**

- Need to outline why general education is an issue and why this is important to UMKC. Put benchmarks in place to use as part of the discussion.
- Need rationale for talking about change.

### **Action:**

- **The University of Illinois-Chicago has included a history and timeline of the general education process at their institution, and this may be of value to us as we move forward. The link with this information will also be posted to the SharePoint site. Per Cindy Pemberton, we should consider contacting UIC to set up a conference call with those involved in their institution's general education process. We may also want to talk to Rita Kean at the University of Nebraska.**
- **UMKC General Education Advisory Task Force members will be asked to meet with the faculty in their schools and report back to this committee. This committee will begin early next semester to formalize a plan to solicit input from faculty relative to the general education curriculum. Goals will need to be established early in the process that ties back to the strategic plan, and looking for fundamental commonality throughout our institution. Once established, these goals will need to be ratified. Again, the work of this committee is to put in place a process and set the framework.**
- **Cindy Pemberton will send link with information on Temple University to the membership.**

**The next meeting of the General Education Advisory Task Force will take place on Tuesday, January 5 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. in the Gillham Park Room, Administrative Center.**