Meeting Minutes from March 14, 2013

Curriculum Committee

Present: Sheila Whitescarver, Fernando Agudelo-Sila, Lisa D’Agostino, Dave King, Paul Cheney, Cari Torres, Sara McKinnon, Rinetta Early, A. Joe Ritchie, Joanna Pinckney, Becky Brown, Chris Schultz

Resource: Kim O’Gara

Topics Discussed:

1. The Committee discussed reforming the General Education sub-committee. The idea is to hold the meetings on the regularly scheduled Curriculum Committee Thursdays and only those who wishing to attend would participate. The group also discussed who else should be invited to attend the sub-committee. We were reminded that the upcoming development of course prerequisites will impact changes in the GE course list.

2. The cost of text books was discussed, not so much as a curricular concern, but rather as a barrier to student success. The group brain stormed ideas to use older texts or use portions of text. Fernando pointed out that some publishers will customize a text to reduce costs. It was recommended that an article be written for the Senate Newsletter outlining suggests for reducing the cost of books and increasing availability of texts for our students. Chris and Dave agreed to consider doing this.

3. Chris reminded the group that all nominees for the Curriculum Chair position be given to him by April 4th and that the election will be held on May 2nd. Only faculty members who were active participants in the past year are eligible to run for Chair.

4. Committee members were invited to review the materials distributed on GE courses in preparation for the discussion on General Education.

Courses, Degrees and Certificates Approved

1. ACRT 169
2. GEOL 120L