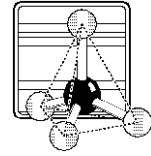# General Education Council

Minutes of the January 28, 2010 Meeting

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Present: Co-chairs: Jean Levitan and Kathy Malanga
Giuliana Andreopoulos, Kim Daniel-Robinson, Peter Griswold, Linda Hamalian, Christine Kelly, Rob McCallum, Lynne Orr, John Peterman, George Robb, Kathy Silgailas, Ron Verdicchio, Nancy Weiner

Guest: Eric Steinhart

1. Meeting called to order by the co-chairs Jean Levitan and Kathy Malanga at 12:39 PM

2. Approval of the agenda as distributed was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous acclamation.

3. Approval of the minutes of the January 21, 2010 council meeting as distributed was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous acclamation.

4. Co-Chairs Report:
   a) Levitan welcomed Kim Daniel-Robinson as the new member of the GE council, replacing Sandy DeYoung
   b) Malanga reported that she met with the Educational Policy Committee of the Board of Trustees to give a report on the new GE/UCC. There was a lot of positive responses and lots of questions about the role of marketing, oral communication, quantitative aspects, assessment, time line, etc.

5. Working Groups Reports

   a) Assessment: Malanga reported that in collaboration with the Senate Assessment Committee and the new GE Director, Murli Narajan, that an assessment plan would need to be developed.

   b) Implementation: Levitan reported that this committee would need to work closely with the registrar and departments to address processes and procedures for implementation of the new UCC curriculum beginning with the February 12 forum

   c) Faculty Development: Robb reported that working with Murli they have already tentatively scheduled workshops (and topics) on: Friday, Feb, 26 (Technology Intensive Courses), Friday, March 5 (Community and Civic Knowledge), Friday March 26 (Writing Intensive Courses), and Friday April 9 (Diversity and Justice)

   d) Review Panel Coordination: Kelly pointed out that there must be coordination among the various review panels since some courses may seek approval in two or more areas, particularly with respect to technology and writing intensive courses.

6. Technology Intensive Courses: There was considerable discussion about the definitions of technology as indicated in the draft of Dec. 16, 2009. Stienhart pointed out that much of the draft proposal on these courses centered on information/computer technology and needed more expansion of examples of other types of technology particularly with respect to the societal effects of technology and issues of such as appropriate technologies. Comments by council members clearly indicated agreement. He volunteered to help with revising the council document on technology intensive courses.

7. There was a short discussion about the agenda for the February 12 Forum. Malanga reminded the conveners of the review panels to make sure that the members of the panels were well represented. The question was asked whether for each and every course whether **all** the UCC area SLOOS had to be met by all courses in that area. Levitan replied yes!

8. Future council meeting dates: Monday, Feb. 8, 2 PM; Thursday, Feb. 18, 12:30 PM; Thursday, March 11; Thursday, April 8, 12:30 PM

9. Meeting adjourned at 1:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. McCallum,
Secretary, *pro tem*