Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee  
March 3, 2015  
SA 2200A  
8:30 am – 10:00 am

Present: Jennifer Eagan (Chair), Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Linda Ivey, Yi Karnes, Rita Liberti, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik  
Absent: Lawrence Bliss, Sally Murphy, Diane Satin.  
Guests: Eileen Barrett, Jason Singley.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:36.

1. Approval of the agenda. The agenda was implicitly discussion of the forums and the future of GE under semesters. This was handled by acclamation.

2. Old Business  
   a. Discussion of the forums / survey. The Chair spoke about comments she received from some faculty members regarding the forums, in particular, and, to a lesser extent, the survey. There was some consensus that the faculty appeared to want to discuss more nuts and bolts (how many units will be required, mostly), rather than the vision statement the subcommittee wanted to drive those decisions. There was also discussion about course sizes and faculty workload differences across the colleges within the University. The conversation turned to a possible college of undergraduate studies and how GS fit into the bigger picture. The notion of thematic writing seminars alongside information literacy gained some traction. There was consensus that information literacy should be after (not during) English remediation. Regarding clusters, the subcommittee expressed dismay over the sizes of the clusters and the lack of funding (as well as scheduling issues) for collaboration between instructors within the clusters.

3. Adjournment. The meeting adjourned informally at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary