Members present: Kevin Cadogan, Judith Faust, Terry Kelly (chair), John Kilgour, Dave Larson, Rita Liberti, Leigh Mintz, Barbara Paige, Fung Shine Pan, Kelly Steele

Member absent: Evelyn Padua-Andrews

Guest: Joy Bhadury, Rosanne Moore

The meeting was called to order at approximately 2:45 by the chair

1. The agenda was approved with the following correction: item 7b was changed from Healthier GE Living Cluster to Healthier Living GE Cluster.

2. The minutes of January 8, 2001 were approved as submitted.

3. Report of the Chair:
   The chair had nothing to report.

4. Report of the Associate Vice President, Curriculum & Academic Programs:
   CIC 10 (UDGE courses for C4 and D4), CIC 11 (PHIL 3720 for Cultural Groups/Women G.E. requirement) have been forwarded to the Senate by ExCom and authorized for inclusion in the Spring 2001 Class Schedule.

5. Subcommittee Reports:
   a. General Education: no report.
   b. Cultural Groups/Women G.E. Requirement: at the first meeting using the new criteria twenty-one courses were received and reviewed. Eleven were approved, and ten were returned to departments with a request for additional information.
   c. Critical Thinking G.E. Requirement: five submitted, four approved, and more information requested for one.
   d. Writing Skills: there was an extensive discussion of overseas programs. More latitude is available under new criteria. Writing is now evaluated at a higher level in the second tier course. Charge has been given by G.E. subcommittee to Writing Skills Subcommittee to spell out what advanced writing means. The possibility of a waiver for a person who continuously fails the first tier course was discussed. There was a general consensus that such a person probably doesn’t deserve a 4-year degree. Students that put off the taking of the 1st tier course until the last minute, particularly international students, is an issue that needs to be addressed. Decision was to cut
students a little slack this year, but to move to a more rigid enforcement next year. It was emphasized that taking the 1st tier and 2nd tier course at the same time would obviously destroy the integrity of the program. Concluded that since it is fairly easy for foreign students to get a one-quarter visa extension, the policy needs to be enforced if we want it to work. Extensive discussion of the online program. There are so many requests that the Testing Office is running out of test questions. Administration of it is getting very cumbersome.

6. **New Business:**
   a. Presidential Scholars and Honors Program: will be first item on the next meeting agenda.

   b. Substitutions of CHEM/ENGR 2060 for BIOL 2010 in Healthier Living G.E. Cluster for Engineering Majors. Approved. The course has been developed specifically for engineering students/other students in the cluster will not have to take this course. Proposal has Sally Murphy’s support. Believes it is a reasonable accommodation given the science demands of the Engineering major. If cluster/G.E. overlap is not maximized, it could add a whole year to the student’s degree. Does little violence to the integrity of the program. The substitution increases the possibility that the students will be able to get physics in sophomore year. Question arose about how materials science would fit into healthier living. Professor Bhadury acknowledged that the connection would be weaker, but stressed that the way the course is taught, it puts emphasis on chemical processes that are harmful to the environment, particularly organic material.

   c. G.E. Proposal - PHIL 3506 (C4, Upper Division Humanities): Approved.

7. **Old Business:**
   a. Setting goals under the Accountability Process for Indicator 1, the report of the Assessment Council was unanimously accepted. For Indicator 3.2, after a lengthy discussion Dave made the motion that we keep 108 at 108 and reduce 113 to 112. Motion was approved. Two abstentions. And that for Indicator 8, the facilities utilization categories, it was moved that we round off each category and add 1% for each of the respective years, 2002-2003, and 2004-2005. Motion was approved. One abstention.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:50 by the Chair.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Paige, acting secretary