General Education Committee Minutes

April 15, 2003

Present: Mark Hardt Michael Dennis

James Nowlin Sandie Rietz

Dan Zirker – ex-officio

Absent: Randall Gloege

John Cech – ex-officio

George White – ex-officio

Curt Kochner – ex-officio

Joe Michels – ex-officio

Janie Park – ex-officio

Presiding: Mark Hardt, Chair

Mark Hardt called the meeting to order at 3:45 p.m. in CEHS 216.

It was stated that a simple way to establish assessment of Academic Foundation is to have the student maintain a portfolio, as students in education do for NCATE accreditation. Instructors could simply mark the level of understanding for each assignment: 1 Knowledge, 2 Evaluation of Knowledge, and 3 Application of the Knowledge. Then it would be up to the student to choose which assignments go into their portfolio as proof that the student has met the requirements of the Academic Foundation Program.

It was then noted that the support of Dean Zirker is vital to the revised Academic Foundation Program being implemented. The Dean stated that he would like to more thoroughly examine the revision document, but it looks very good so far.

The Dean also noted that the Committee has done an excellent job of revising the Academic Foundation (Gen Ed) Program.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m., but work continued on the revision document.

Respectfully submitted, Rita J. Rabe Meduna