

**AD HOC COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC OVERSIGHT
MINUTES
JULY 23, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at 2:05PM with thirteen members present (out of 21).

Co-Chair Joe Berger reviewed what had taken place since our last meeting in May and discussed the agenda for the present meeting. From questions raised by some members it was explained that the consideration of whether to endorse the proposed changes to the General Education requirements was on the agenda by request of Ernie May for the Rules Committee which desired AHCSO's assessment in advance of its August 3rd meeting.

Co-Chair Amilcar Shabazz next reviewed the pending proposal to change the General Education requirements to a 4-credit model with an upper-level integrative course. Ernie May provided an update from a meeting held that morning that tweaked the proposal as elaborated in the reports of the General Education Task Force and the Dean of Undergraduate Education. A robust discussion ensued that looked at various implications of the proposed reforms especially as they might affect the strategic positioning and the protection of the core values of the University. After almost everyone was heard from the committee voted to endorse the proposed reforms by a vote of 11 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 person recording himself as a non-voting member of the committee. The AHCSO 11-1-1 vote in favor of change will be referred to the Rules Committee for its deliberations on August 3rd.

The discussion of this matter exhausted the meeting time and discussion of other items, especially of the announced Academic Program Review process, was put over to the August meeting of the committee which will be determined by email.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45PM.