Attendance:
Maurianne Adams, Mokhtar Atallah, Gail Cruise, Alexandrina Deschamps, Isabel Espinal, Ginger Etinde,
David Fleming, Judy Goodenough, Kevin Klement, Randall Knoper, Mark Leckie, Ernie May, Dori McCracken
Ken Scriboni, Constantinos Stivaros

Minutes:
The minutes of December 19, 2007 were passed by the Council.

Report from Gened Task Force:
Maurianne Adams reported on the progress of the General Educatiion Task Force. She reported that, in
addition to pursuing other “low-hanging fruit,” the Provost would like to have a “Gen Ed Academy,” which
would serve to improve buy-in by the faculty. Although the Council felt that other ways to educate the faculty
and to assist in “buy-in” will need to be discussed, the Council gave a hearty agreement for the establishing of a
Gen Ed academy as one of the ways of educating faculty. Within the academy, there would be communication
to faculty concerning the stipulation of Gened goals. A suggestion was made to also look at the entire Gened
program, identify the “stagnant” areas and implement appropriate changes. The Council further discussed
several issues. Maurianne Adams stated that at one time, there used to be allocation for Gened TA’s, and
pointed out that with such new monies, there is usually tension between new faculty and TA hiring. She
concluded that the Council should ask for ‘central’ TA allocation from the Provost, thus removing it from the
Deans’ control. With regard to improving the program, it was suggested that using the Gened goals from
LAC&U would be something to consider. Student Ken Scriboni said that from a student’s point of view, most
do not know about the General Education program. He said it also appears to students that the program
contains too many requirements. Ernie May responded that this type of perception by students signifies that the
program is not working properly, as shown by the lack of ‘engagement’ students have in the program’s courses.
He said that having the students view these courses as “check-off’s” should be avoided and urged that the
Council must take leadership and be advocates for the best Gened program possible. The Council concluded
that the task force would forge resolutions regarding the above issues at the next meeting.

General Education Web Site:
Kevin Klement gave a brief report on the progress of structuralizing the Gened website. Kevin distributed to
the Council an in-depth chart that suggested a proposed structure for the website. It was stated that this should
be developed on the faculty senate website. Randall asked if there should be a subcommittee formed for this
endeavor. It was concluded that this should be given to the task force as well to be included in their resolution.

Information Literacy:
Isabel Espinal stressed that I.L. is an important part of ‘outcomes’ that students should have throughout college
experience and especially upon graduation. She discussed the suggested revision of including “…and
Information Literacy” under the criteria for critical thinking on ‘Form F’, stating also that ‘writing, problem
solving, critical thinking and Information Literacy’ should have a link with further clarification when the
electronic form is created. The Council approved this revision.

Next Meeting: Friday March 14, 2008 at 8:00 AM, in the Chancellor’s Board Room, 370 Whitmore (please
note that breakfast will be served).