Members Present:
L. Garner (proxy)-Liberal Arts
M. Lord-Education
K. Moffeit-Business
R. Northcutt-Science
S. Beebe-Chair Rep
V. Sriraman-Science
B. Melzer-Health Professions
B. Brown-Liberal Arts
F. Blevens-Fine Arts and Comm
V. Luizzi-Chair Rep
T. Sanchez-Student Rep
T. Mandeville-Education
C. McCall-Education
C. Schroeder-Student Rep

Members Absent:
Glen Rydl-Applied Arts
Tomas Mijares-Applied Arts
John Ross-Business
Joe Oliver-Business
Erik Nielsen-Fine Arts and Comm
Robert Whalin-Fine Arts and Comm
Catherine Hawkins-Health Professions
Linda Thomas-Health Professions

Meeting convened at 3:35 p.m.

Motion:
R. Brown asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the February 28th meeting. R. Northcutt so moves. B. Melzer seconds the motion. 3/27/00

R. Brown deferred the March 6th minutes for the next meeting.

The subcommittee is charged with gathering information on each course criteria using the natural science and old General Studies perspectives. R. Brown asked the Council if they had other issues they would like to incorporate into the subcommittee charge?

B. Brown asked for some clarification of the previous meetings’ conversation about SCH. He wanted to know if SCH was the primary determinate for considering these courses? R. Brown told the Council that the subcommittee will rank the criteria and SCH will be taken under consideration.
R. Brown suggested the General Education Council should have a standard procedure for handling such issues as adding courses to the core curriculum. R. Brown asked if the Council should have an internal subcommittee to determine if the core curriculum should be broader or more restrictive?

Assessment:
The Assessment Subcommittee has recently met to discuss some revisions to the proposed assessment models. R. Brown has notified Don Matlock and Bill Covington about the assessment proposals. He is waiting for notification to see if the Council will have to go the IRB to clarify the human subjects issue. F. Blevens and V. Luizzi will prepare 2 or 3 sentences for ethical consideration. The Council has no reservations about going to the IRB for the assessment proposals.

Revisions:
The letter to the faculty will be more descriptive. If the faculty member does not feel it is ethical to provide course information for a particular student they may destroy the form. Paul Raffeld suggested we alter the rating scale on the senior interviews to show below average, average and above average. R. Brown proposes a pilot study with 20 students next October to test the senior interviews. The senior interview will take place with two faculty members, one male and one female. The faculty members participating will go through group training with S. Beebe and T. Mottet. R. Brown hopes that future senior interviews will take place with General Education Council members.

B. Melzer is attending an AAC&U conference entitled “Integration of Liberal and Professional Studies: From Aspiration to Improved Practice”. She will report back to the Council at a later time.

R. Brown asked for volunteers to come to the University College Retreat on May 2nd. The University College directors are interested in discussing integrating core curriculum.

Motion:
R. Brown requested a motion to adjourn. S. Beebe so moved. T. Mandeville seconds the motion. Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.