The GEC meeting was convened at 3:30 p.m. by R. Brown.

A motion to approve the GEC minutes of 3-26-2012 was made by S. Beebe, seconded by K. Peirce, and approved unanimously.

Council members introduced themselves to visitors P. Gowens and B. Erhart, who were in attendance specifically to address issues and questions regarding moving current core courses in the social sciences to the new Social and Behavioral Sciences component area.

After briefly reviewing the required objectives of this component area, P. Suckling confirmed that World Geography faculty want to keep this course in the new core. They will make any revisions necessary to meet the required core objectives and further plan to take advantage of this opportunity to improve coordination among sections.

P. Gowens spoke next, in support of keeping Principles of Economics and Principles of Microeconomics in the core. He confirmed that faculty teaching these courses are committed to meeting the new core objectives.

B. Erhart advocated that Cultural Anthropology remain in the new core and noted that faculty teaching this course are also willing to make any revisions necessary to meet the new core objectives.

After brief discussion of the 4/3/2012 Coordinating Board Webinar and current understanding of how the components of the new core objectives will be interpreted and assessed, visitors were excused from the meeting.

R. Brown next directed the attention of the Council to J. Fleming’s recommendation that musical theatre majors be allowed to substitute History of Musical Theatre (TH 3322) for the core fine arts course (2313).

Ensuing discussion touched on both advantages and disadvantages of such action. Council members reached consensus that because such an addition or substitution would set a new precedent for the core, they would
set aside Fleming’s request at least until Honors courses—the most similar comparison—were revisited.

R. Brown noted that core courses in the sciences would be addressed at the next meeting.

After brief discussion of the College Learning Assessment (CLA), which is still being administered at Texas State, the meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.