

General Education Committee

Minutes 4/24/07

Committee Charge

Dean C. Haller charged the committee. She explained that the committee was established by the Senate to make recommendations regarding the general education curriculum. She explained other efforts taking place at York dealing with general education, including the Outcomes Assessment Committee, the Coordinated Undergraduate Education project, and the Center for Teaching and Learning.

D. Swoboda explained the history of the general education review committee. She described the syllabi review project completed by the committee and the General Education Mission Statement that was developed. She described the effort to transform general education taking place at other CUNY campuses organized through the CUNY Office of Undergraduate Education.

Dean Haller proposed that the committee gather information and work to refine the General Education Mission Statement by asking “how are we delivering what we say we do. Members discussed ways to obtain wide student input in this process, including a town hall meeting, surveys, and focus groups.

Members identified issues related to any reform in the general education curriculum. These included freshmen year needs, adequate advising, professional programs v the liberal arts, and the profile of York students.

Members agreed to meet once again on May 8, 10:30-11:30, to continue discussion and develop a report for the Senate.