**General Education Committee: Minutes**

**Thursday, November 14, 2013**

**Smith 118 Conference Room**

**Dr. Cindy Peterson, Chair**

**Voting Members:** Earl Bland, *Behavioral Science & Counseling*; DC Colt, *Health & Exercise Science*; Nancy Damron, *Education*; Terry Gunter, *CGAL*; James Leininger, *Mathematics*; Shanti Thomas, *English*; Dave Wegley, *Business*

**Non-voting Members:** Mark Hayse, *Christian Ministry & Formation/Honor's Program*; Lauren Hays, *Learning Commons*; Janell Kellum, *Registrar;* Lorie Beckum, *Global Studies*

**Minutes taken by:** Tammy Schroer, Administrative Assistant

**Call to Order – Welcome – Prayer** Dr. Cindy Peterson called the meeting to order at 3:10 pm.

**Old Business:** Approved minutes of last meeting – Oct. 17, 2013 (available in folder on Moodle)

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Proposal from Science & Mathematics to replace GNSC 1003: Concepts of Physical Science with GNSC 2203: Physics in Everyday Life & GNSC 2303: Physical Science for Educators (See link to proposal below the agenda on Moodle.)

Motion made and seconded. Limited discussion on purpose/population/ed requirements. Motion approved.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

Philosophy for General Education at MNU – preliminary ideas and request for information and research.

1. Survey responses to General Education survey.
2. Handout of AAC&U survey.
3. Next steps? Find someone to “organize” the data into significant categories with software.
4. Create hard copy survey with introduction for profs to read.
5. Assignment Reports:
   * + Lorie Beckum – Nazarene Schools
     + Mark Hayse – CCCU Schools
     + Cindy Peterson – Area schools

Question to keep in mind: Are courses selected to give students a range of choice to meet outcomes, OR are courses selected because we feel strongly there is foundational content that every student should have in the liberal arts – thus limiting the choices.

Next Meeting: Thur., Jan. 23, 2014 (changed to Tues., Jan. 14, 2014) 3:00 pm

**Adjournment 3:35 pm**