GENERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE
ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MINUTES
MAY 2, 2006   3:30PM

I. Call to Order       Dr. Jeff Spurlock

II. Roll Call

III. Information on GSC    Dr. Jeff Spurlock

III. Formal Announcement of GSC Chairperson-
    ■ Dr. Amanda Diggs, Department of Speech & Theatre, Troy

IV. SACS and GS Program Evaluation     Dr. Bryant Shaw
    ■ GS Program Rationale- Developed by GS committee last year. Copies of draft GS goals and objectives e-mailed to committee members.

    ■ Need for Expertise in Program Evaluation- It was suggested that new members be named to the committee with expertise in needed areas. Identified areas where expertise is needed included rationale, goals and objectives, as well as testing and assessment.

    ■ Campus-Unique Evaluation Issues- Assessment/Evaluation of the GS program is complicated by several factors:
        ○ Several campus sites
        ○ Diverse student populations across campus sites

    ■ Decision on Evaluation Instrument(s)- The committee discussed selecting an assessment instrument this summer (2006) for implementation Fall 2006-2007.

    ■ IRPE Completion

V. GS Sub-Committee Meeting      Dr. Bryant Shaw
    ■ Goals and Objectives- draft e-mailed to members.
    ■ Proposed GS Course, “Sophomore Seminar in Creative Thinking”- proposal e-mailed to members.
VI. AGSC/STARS Issues
   ■ A single generic syllabus must be created for each general studies course. These syllabi must be collected from various Dean’s, Department Chairs, etc. as soon as possible. There should be a single point of contact for each discipline.
   ■ Each discipline receives one voting member. Dean’s need to appoint voting members.

VII. Course Substitution Forms  
     Dr. Bryant Shaw  
     ■ Each campus will handle its forms.
     ■ Dr. Fulmer will handle course substitution forms-Troy.

VII. Other Business
     ■ AGSC/Dean’s Council Meeting- request generic syllabi for GS courses.
     ■ Assignment-Learning Outcomes and Assessment for Peer Institutions
       o University of Georgia- Amy Spurlock- Troy
       o Appalachian State- Amy Spurlock- Troy
       o Auburn- Ron Portis- Montgomery
       o Alabama- Dr. Carolyn Russell- Phenix City
       o Southern Mississippi- Dr. Amanda Diggs- Troy
       o Georgia Southern- Dr. Hal Fulmer- Troy
     ■ Secretary- Dr. Amy Spurlock volunteered. She will set up Blackboard for committee communication and correspondence.
     ■ Next meeting- Wednesday, June 7, 2006.

IX. Adjournment