Report from Curriculum Council
April 2, 2012

CC has met three times since the March Faculty meeting. Work of the Council included:

1. CC has continued to discuss how to best add flexibility into the existing General Education Program. Two ideas (#1: Petition to Count Co-Curricular Experiences, and #2: Course Clustering “A Learning Community Model”) have been suggested. A third (#3 Menu Option) has yet to be discussed. Although discussion is ongoing and inconclusive, some very elegant ideas are being brought forth. Each model carries a variety of questions yet to be answered. Given the time of year and the amount of work CC has conducted this year, this information may need to be prepared as a carry over item for next year’s council.

2. CC continues to examine the question of renaming the General Education Program. After researching peer institutions, a list of nine possible names was formed. An on-line survey has been created for the faculty so that all can weigh-in with their top three choices. The survey includes space for comments or name suggestions. Faculty can access the survey until 5 PM Wednesday April 4th. The link for the survey is available from the Dean of Curriculum. Results will be tallied and presented at the April 16th faculty meeting.

3. CC continues work on closing the General Education Assessment loop. Two category proposals were vetted and approved for presentation to the faculty today: Arts and Natural Sciences. Physical Education has completed their proposal and is finalizing some language. CC hopes to present the Physical Education revision at the April 16th meeting.

CD has met three times since the March faculty meeting. The usual work of vetting course proposals was conducted.

AS has met three times since the March faculty meeting. Work included:

- Broadening the discussion concerning a timeline for ongoing assessment of the General Education program. The timeline has been developed and approved by CC. Meetings with CC, Academic Affairs and the Chairs & Directors have taken place, all with positive feedback. The approved timeline has been distributed to the faculty in three versions: as an attachment to minutes (3-20-12) from CC, as an addendum to this report, and to the chairs and directors for distribution to their faculty colleagues. In addition, members of AS will hold a lunch meeting
on Tuesday April 4th. This will provide faculty with an opportunity to ask questions or have the timeline explained in more detail.

- Continued work with May Term Advisory Committee as they develop plans for assessment.