**GE Committee Minutes** April 18, 2013

**Attendance:** Alex Sterling (chair), Mark Lewis, Janice Townsend, Kofi-Mensah-Opong, Laurie Huffman

**Absent:** Ken Alexander, A’kilah Moore, Cindy McGrath, Dave Zimny

• Alex opened the meeting with the announcement of the Focused Flex diversity training on Friday, April 26th—“Under the Iceberg” w Dr. Jean Moule

• Discussion of membership resulted in the decision that we do have a quorum today.

• The committee spoke briefly on the outcome of the Monday FLEX activity re: GE Assessment. The collective voice agreed that the discussion of the assessment plan was very positive.

• Discussion of the assessment rubric for FLEX activity generated the following responses of the group:

l. Sample student work from Child Dev. 50

can be used as a reference in designing the rubric in August

2. Drafting the rubric is our main task in Aug, and we don’t know how long it will take

3. We’re unsure how much of the Aug flex will be about looking at prompts ideas.

• Bio10- (Alex mentioned that the committee will soon look at the process for the GE COOR review.)

After going over the COOR, Alex proposed the passing of the course outline. The committee agreed.

(The group discussed how we can further enhance our classes by referencing multi-cultural theorists, scientists, etc. )

• Laurie will forward the Spanish 50/51 (World Languages Dept.) series to the GE committee prior to the end of the semester.

• GE will wait for A’kilah to participate in the discussion of the ethnic studies description

• Discussion of GE Assessment Plan resulted in the following discussion

1. Should GE keep the secondary question (b) ? No, take out, but the change to 18 units will be in the rationale since it was a big part of our discussion this spring.
2. There will be secondary questions category ; these will be decided next fall and winter.

Janice mentioned that this topic should be discussed w/GE faculty. GE will ask secondary questions based on the number of papers we score, we will be able to generate additional specific questions (authored by GE faculty and committee)

•Alex would like as many faculty members as possible to be aware of what we are doing with the GE Assessment. Janice would like to send a timeline to faculty.

•Janice and Laurie added ideas for the August FLEX. Content GE experts might bring rubrics/ideas/research ideas.