Members present: John Blondell (Professor of Theatre Arts), Michelle Hardley (Secretary and Registrar), Wayne Iba (Professor of Computer Science), Tatiana Nazarenko (Chair and Dean of Curriculum and Educational Effectiveness), Rick Pointer (Professor of History), Debra Quast (Director, Library and Information Services)

Absent:

Others present:

I. Opened with Prayer

II. The revised minutes of the September 12, 2013 meeting were approved

III. Chair’s updates and outline

IV. Amended GE Committee Major Tasks For 2013-2014 Academic Year
John reviewed some of the updates to the major task list for the 2013-2014 school year. Members asked clarifying questions on the document. Wayne suggested one addition – adding #9 – The consideration of changes and alternatives (large or small) to the GE program. Perhaps this task can fold into the conversation with Mark. The task list was approved.

V. Discussion Leading to a Recommendation: Jim Taylor and the Reasoning Abstractly GE Requirement
Jim summarized the conversation in Senate regarding the history of the Reasoning Abstractly GE requirement. MA-005 was once allowed to satisfy this requirement. In the fall of 2009 it was removed, which has resulted in a reduction of the number of elective units for some majors (KNS and PSY specifically), since their majors no longer have the benefit of the GE overlap. The committee was asked to consider this issue by the Academic Senate.

Following discussion, the Committee concluded that there was no reason to make changes to the GE requirement at this time, and will ask MA to reconsider whether the course can meet the current certification requirements for the RA area and if not, to provide rationale for the decision.
VI. Thinking Together: GE and Institutional Alignment
John presented a first attempt at aligning the WASC, Institution and GE Learning Outcomes. The committee members asked questions and gave John suggestions for some changes.

In general the committee likes the direction that this alignment is trying to achieve. John will continue to refine the document and bring another version back to the committee to discuss.

VII. Preliminary Discussion: Closing the Writing Intensive Loop
Continued to the next meeting.

VIII. Other Business

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Hardley
Registrar