Members present: Louis Crescitelli, Lucy Caruso Deane, Andrew Baddish, Adam Goodell, Marybeth Klein, Mark Wiener, Ilan Ehrlick, Gary Correa, Dorothy Giglietta, Andy Krikun, Joshua Guttman, Denise Budd, Margaret McLaughlin, Beth Pincus, Barbara Walcott, Judi Davis

Guests: Brian Cordell (LIT), Anita Verno (INF), Charlie McNerney (INF)

1. The minutes of the 10-25-2011 meeting were approved as written.

2. Chairperson’s report: Judi Davis reported:

   a. We received word that of the four courses BCC sent four courses to the State for its approval on Oct 11, (1) EDU 110 Foundations of Multicultural Education, (2) HIS 132 History of the Spanish Speaking Caribbean & Central America since 1898, and (3) LIT 230 Psychological Ideas in Literature were rejected by the State Gen Ed Committee. The chairperson of this committee, Dr. Dwight Smith spoke with AVP Bonnie MacDougall and made himself available to chair of BCC Gen Ed Committee to explain the reasoning of the committee.

      i. EDU 110 was “career-based” and therefore does not fit into the category for a Diversity course according to State standards.

      ii. HIS 132 was also seen to be too narrow in scope and not fulfilling the criteria of being “broad-based.” However, the committee thought it might fit into the Diversity category, if the applicants wanted to resubmit.

      iii. LIT 230 was regarded as being specific in scope and not a broad-based genre course.

      iv. COM 102, Public Speaking, was approved by the State Committee and forwarded to the President’s Council which will meet in December to vote on changes to the State Unified Course List. We will hear official word about this course next month.

   b. At the Senate Meeting of Nov 8, 2011, it approved LIT 226, Introduction to the Novel as a Gen Ed Course, pending State approval. The next deadline to submit course to the State is Feb 3.

   c. On Nov 17, the Gen Ed Subcommittee met again to discuss ways to clarify and streamline the Gen Ed submission process. The committee plans to make a serious comparison of two major sections of Gen Ed Documents: (1) Policy and (2) Goals. We will consider the Gen Ed "Process" later, once we agree upon Policy. We are looking to create more of an "insider's" document for the Gen Ed Committee Members—that states the BCC policy regarding the certification of courses for Gen Ed. This policy needs to be updated because of the changes in
the state that have resulted from the Lampitt bill. So we need to consider the role the state plays in our own local policy. Later, we will create a more "user-friendly" explanation for faculty, including a process and forms. Members of this committee are Margaret McLaughlin, Barbara Walcott, Andrew Krikun, Michael Redmond and Judi Davis. The committee did not set a time to meet again.

3. New Business
   a. LIT 227 Introduction to Poetry was approved by a vote of 15-0-0
   b. INF 101 Introduction to Information Technology was approved by a vote of 15-0-0
      i. During discussion of INF 101, the question was raised about where INF 101 would fit into various degree requirements. What academic “category” will house this technology course? The consensus of the group was that INF 101 fits all state and local criteria for a Gen Ed course. It will become a matter for the Senate and Academic areas to adjust program requirements to allow room for INF 101. In addition, the point was made that NJCC 2011 revised Foundation Course Categories includes a separate goal category for “technological competency,” separate from “Information Literacy,” which is now considered (by the state) as an “Integrated Course Goal.”

4. The meeting adjourned at 1:20 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Davis, Chairperson