12:30 to 1:25 pm in room C-314

Members present: Christopher Mayer, Louis Crescitelli, Dorothy Gleckner, Tom Jewell (chair), Andrew Tomko, Keith Chu, Dave Smilon, Gary Correa, Larry Joel, Dorothy Giglietta, Andrew Krikun, Paul Eckstein, Marge Galla, Harriet Terodemos, Gregg Bierman (for Suzanne Boettger), Magali Jerez, Jean Goldstein, Alan Kaufman, Beth Pincus, Rafael Juliano, Daniel Nachum, Barbara Walcott, Patricia Denholm (ex officio), Gary Porter (AVP)

1. The minutes of the 11-25-2008 meeting were reviewed and approved with minor changes.

2. The Modification of General Education Foundations for the BCC Degree and Certificate Programs was discussed. Concerns about a couple issues were addressed:
   a. How are the Technological Competency or Information Literacy requirements met by this proposal? George Cronk explained that a survey taken by faculty members documented that these requirements were being met in courses across the curriculum and that therefore we are meeting this requirement and also that the number of credits required in the Foundations for this category are from 0-4 credits, so having zero credits technically meets the requirement.
   b. Won’t most students have to take two math courses to meet the requirements in the AA and AS programs? In practical terms, the answer is “yes” since most students won’t be eligible to take pre-calc, a four credit course, meaning they will need two three credit math courses to meet the four credit minimum requirement (unless 1-credit Technological Competency or Information Literacy courses are added to the General Education List at a later date).
   c. Should we be requiring students to have 64-66 total credits when only half of the degree requirements will transfer to four year schools who may require as few as 120 total credits? This issue was deemed not relevant to this proposal since only the General Education portion of the credits are within the purview of the Committee’s responsibilities.

A motion to adopt the Modification was passed by a vote of 15-1-1.

3. Adjournment was at 1:25 pm