GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE Minutes October 15, 2003

The General Education Committee met on Wednesday, October 15, 2003, from Noon to 1 p.m. in the Provost's Conference Room.

Members Present: Kambra Bolch (Honors), Jim Brink (Provost's Office, ex-officio), Jim Clopton (Arts & Sciences), Ray Desrosiers (Engineering), Pamela Elrod (Visual & Performing Arts), Bill Gustafson (Human Sciences), Pamela Halsey (Faculty Senate), Linda Krefting (Business Administration), David Lamp (Arts & Sciences, presiding), and David Roach (Arts & Sciences).

Members Excused: Ernest Fish (Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources), Julie Thomas (Education) and Ben Shacklette (Architecture).

Visitors Present: Darcy Reich (Psychology) and Kathy Austin.

- 1. Minutes for the meeting on 9/17/2003. Minutes were approved by consensus.
- 2. <u>Oral Communications category description</u>. The category description was discussed. The following description was arrived at, moved by Krefting, seconded by Bolch. The motion passed.

"Three formal speeches, typically individual formal presentations, are the standard expectation. The students will receive instruction in how to prepare and deliver effective speeches, and students will receive feedback on the quality of their speech performances from the instructor. The speech requirements will constitute a major portion of the grade in the course."

- 3. <u>Core Assessment instrument.</u> Darcy Reich and Kathy Austin presented "Academic Achievement Orientation Instrument" which appeared, on much discussion, to be eminently satisfactory for our tasks.
- 4. <u>Subsequent meetings</u> are to be on November 19, December 17, January 21, February 18, March 24, April 21, and May 19.