Agenda (Revised)
General Education Requirements Committee
Tuesday 31 March 2015
Faculty Senate Conference Room
2:30-4:00 p.m.

1. Minutes for February 10, February 24, and March 10

2. Chair's announcements:

   a. Jim Skidmore indicated last time he is willing to serve next year as GERC's rep to UCC, to attend their meetings every other week, to share the communication liaison role with the UCC rep on GERC.

3. Continuing Business –

   a. Bylaws amendment for vote:
      Motion: Amend bylaws to specify GERC vice chair attends UCC meetings (Thursday afternoons 3-5 pm) as needed, at least once a month.

   b. Brief check-in on plans/progress for GERC members to collect comments on Assessment Plan draft from constituencies (to bring to next meeting).
      A couple of members have met with their colleges' departments, others have meetings planned for this week.

   c. Main business for this meeting: discuss various questions / issues with ISU's "institutionally-designated Objectives," aka Objective 7 in Critical Thinking, Objective 8 in Information Literacy and Objective 9 in Cultural Diversity.

      As I recall, some of these points of discussion are:
      - should we "add the words" :-) "sexual orientation" to Objective 9's description?
      - discuss various reasons for revising and/or combining Objectives 7 & 8?
      - Accreditors noted in their report ISU's mission statement includes critical thinking, but that statement is contradicted by the decision to make it optional by requiring students to take either Objective 7: Critical Thinking **<u>or</u>** Objective 8: Information Literacy.

4. Adjourn

5. Next meeting: 14 April, to discuss and incorporate any feedback / revision suggestions on the Assessment Plan.