## General Education Committee Minutes

## February 25, 2002

Present: Mark Hardt Randal Gloege

George Benedict Michael Dennis James Nowlin Squy Wallace

Absent: **Barbara Zuck** 

John CechRandy RhineGeorge WhiteJoe MichelsJanie ParkCurt Kochner

It was cited that a focus on human dignity is a focus on human arrogance, which should be avoided. It was also noted that in the past, dignity was directly associated with belief in God. Dignity is too loaded a term to use in this object statement.

It was then cited that the new object statement has nothing to do with gender or species. It also mentions nothing about content, measurement, or how far a student will go after taking Gen Ed. That is why it works, because everyone (all departments) can fit into that statement. It was also noted that we have an opportunity to refocus and reinvent the Gen Ed program, and lead our students in a new direction. It was cited that it is important that the program be the same old, same old, and to be conscious of needed change.

It was stated that we should not tell our students what they must do. However, we should not just ask them to reflect and consider. That is not enough.

It was noted that the Gen Ed program can be called the core if needed, but there are already other cores in other programs, and it is important not to confuse the students with too many cores.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Rita J. Rabe Meduna