AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Introduction of Members
Chair thanked Council for agreeing to serve. Richard Fabiano will replace Jan Rychtar this fall.

II. Approval of Minutes from April 28, 2014   Motion to approve minutes.   (Feather, Brown).
Minutes approved as written.

III. Meeting Times for Fall 2014 and Spring 2015
Chair advised meetings will be every other Wednesday from 9:00 – 10:30 AM in 2711 MHRA, for the fall and spring semesters. If members are unable to attend a meeting, please email Jon Zarecki or Lynn Wyrick.

IV. Subcommittee Assignments
Chair explained the roles of each sub-committee and asked for volunteers.
New Course sub-committee: Pam Brown (chair), Stephanie Kurtts, Greg Carroll and Stuart Allen
Recertification sub-committee: Jamie Anderson (chair), Richard Fabiano, and Liam Duffy
Assessment sub-committee: Jennifer Feather, Jessica McCall, and Angela Newman (will decide chair).
V. Recertification Schedule for 2014-15

Chair advised every four years, we go through the recertification process to ensure the courses that in the General Education Program are still delivering the Gen Ed content. This is simply a quality check for the Gen Ed Program. The recertification schedule is on the website. GMT and GNS process began last year and will be recertified this year. GLT, GFA, and GPR will be recertified in the 2015-16 academic year. WI and SI will also undergo recertification. Chair reviewed the recertification process.

VI. Proposed Revised GNS SLOs

Chair reviewed the proposed GNS SLOs which were reduced in number from five to three. Discussion followed concerning wording and intent of SLO 1 and SLO 2. Motion to return GNS SLOs to sub-committee with suggested revisions, SLO 1, replace principles with process: 1) Demonstrate an understanding of the “process” of scientific inquiry… (Duffy, Feather). Motion approved. Revised GNS SLOs will be on next meeting’s agenda, in hopes that we can get them on the Faculty Senate October agenda.

VII. Information Items

• New website

Chair displayed the new General Education Council website. The new website is very easy to navigate. Council members are listed with a link to their faculty page. Meeting dates and times, as well as deadlines are also on the website. Chair asked for feedback, comments on the new website.

• New curriculum deadlines

There are hard deadlines for getting courses into the Bulletin (for advising). UCC, Gen Ed, GSC and the Registrar’s Office met and agreed to follow a uniform set of curricular deadlines. A memo will go to Deans Council and Administrative Council explaining the deadlines. This will be a change for departments. WI and SI Committees have earlier deadlines to provide feedback. Spring and summer courses will have the same deadline. Council will continue to review course proposals; the deadlines are for appearance in the Bulletin. Discussion followed concerning shell courses, and Service Learning courses.
• WI and SI Committees

Chair advised WI and SI committees will continue to approve WI/SI courses and will submit a memo to council with approved courses, to be read into the Gen Ed meeting minutes. Sara Littlejohn will chair the WI committee with Emily Edwards, Larry Lavender, and Esther Leise. Kim Cuny will chair the SI committee with Jeanie Reynolds, Lindsay Sabatino, and Erin Ellis.

• Resolutions for Senate meeting on September 3

Chair reviewed resolutions for Faculty Senate meeting on September 3, 2014. Resolution for GMT SLOs (which were approved by council in spring 2014) will be presented. Resolution to Clarify the Procedure for Granting WI and SI markers will also be on the Senate agenda. This resolution will close a curriculum loop, the WI and SI committees will fall back under the General Education Council. This resolution clarifies the working relationship between WI and SI.

• Pilot of VALUE Rubrics in FA14

Chair reported council will run a pilot assessment using AAC&U Value rubrics, partially in response to the state mandated written communication and critical thinking competencies. This will be a small number: 3 faculty members participating in the GL/GN assessment, six faculty members participating in the GRD assessment, and four faculty members will participate in the WI assessment. Ashley Finley, Senior Director of Assessment and Research at AAC&U, presented a calibration workshop on the AAC&U value rubrics.

VII. Information Items

Chair advised if council members have any items they would like to discuss, please send to him and he will add it to the agenda. New course proposals will be on the next agenda, please review them and be prepared to act on them at the next meeting. Discussion concerning pending BLS courses.

Motion to adjourn (Anderson, Kurtts).
Meeting adjourned at 10:09 am.