Minutes for General Education Committee Meeting of October 9, 2009

To: General Education Committee Members: (P)=Present

Alan Block, SOE (P)	Susan Collie, SAS	c: Amy Schlieve, CEHHS
Bill Murphy, COM (P)	Byron Anderson, TECH (P)	Jada Schumacher, CAHSS
Denise Goers, Advisement (P)	Bob Horan, HUMART (P)	Faculty Senate Office
Jerry Kapus, ANRSN (P)	Kristin Risley, COMSK (P)	
Michael Bessert, NSCI (P)	Steve Terry, HPE (P)	
Janice Coker, *ex officio* (P)		

Date: October 9, 2009
Time: 2:30 p.m.
Location: Provost's Office

Minutes Submitted by:
Tessa Johnson

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Alan Block.

2. The minutes from the September 23 and September 24 meetings were approved by consensus.

3. **A motion was made and duly seconded to remove MEDIA-204 Exploring Photography from the table and approve.**
   The course was brought back to the committee with the specific general education objectives added. Minor editorial changes were made.
   Vote on Motion: Motion passed.

4. **Discussion of General Education Program Revision – Foundational Principles**
   - 3-credit speech requirement
   - the structure should facilitate the achievement of the GE objectives
   - GE should reflect that we are a polytechnic institution
   - some GE curriculum should be upper level (beyond FR/SO level courses)
   - integration of GE courses into majors
   - possibility of GE capstone courses
   - should fit with Stout's mission and UW System's mission
   - no overall credit increase
   - possible interconnections within different GE areas (GE should teach both disciplinary and interdisciplinary) –courses that fit in both a GE category and an interdisciplinary category
   - problem-based learning approach – themes/problems could be used to organize the GE program
   - phase approach
   - create writing focused courses that programs must be required to offer