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Members Present: A. Lawson (Chair), B. Benedict, D. Nef.,
M. Valencia, R. Arenas, M. Miller.

Members Absent: J. Charalambides (excused), M. Fisher (excused),
S. Lewis, V. Leon (student),
C. Toepfert (student).

Visitors: P. Chaffe-Stengel.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Lawson at 11:20 a.m. in
University Center, room #203.

1. Minutes. MSC to approve the Minutes of 3/16/2007 as amended – (R. Arenas to be changed to excused).
2. Agenda. MSC to approve the Agenda as amended, Bio 110 to end of agenda.
3. Communications and Announcements.

From D. Nef:

A new document work flow software will be piloted with the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee next year – may be able to use for General Education proposals.

4. Program Review.
 - Discussion of faculty meetings to develop GE learning outcomes. M. Wilson suggests an announcement to faculty this semester seeking volunteers in order to facilitate the meeting happening earlier in the fall semester.
 - Previously submitted syllabi could be used as a starting point to distinguish between objectives and outcomes, then direct faculty to develop outcomes.

- After development of outcomes, we must ask faculty in GE to map explicitly where the outcomes will be met in the course.
- Issue of transfer students should also be addressed in the review.
- Need to consider goals over next 5 years.
- Options for program review could include a plan for incremental review.
- A plan for assessment could be developed where we are able to say X% of our students are able to do Y at this point in their program.

5. Biology 110 Petition.

MSC to approve Biology petition.

MSC to adjourn 12:40 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting of the General Education Committee will be announce in the fall semester.