NAPA VALLEY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND PRACTICE COMMITTEE

Minutes Academic Standards & Practices Minutes
12:30 pm, October 1, 2009
Library Conference Room A&B

Present: Kate Benscoter, Stephanie Grohs (Chair), Alejandro Guerrero, Sherry Lohse, Sue Nelson

Absent: Roberto Gonzales (excused), Classified Representative (not assigned)

Meeting: Called to order at 12:40 pm

Public Comment: None

Adoption of Agenda: Motion and second to adopt the agenda was made and passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes: Motion and second to approve August 14th Minutes was approved with Sue Nelson abstaining.

Information Items: Chair Grohs distributed samples of statement of “Philosophy of General Education” from other colleges. The question of whether we should write SLO’s for General Education was discussed and committee reached the consensus that we would assess General Education (GE) by first completing the exercise of selecting which courses would be included in the GE categories. We would then examine the courses’ SLO’s and identifying a few common outcomes for each category. Assessment of GE would occur organically during the regular assessment cycle for a course.

Committee members agreed that the narrative form used by Santa Rosa Junior College would best serve out purpose when writing a statement of Philosophy of General Education. Brevity was a consideration in that choice. SLO’s for each area could be listed in the introduction before the listing courses that satisfy the requirement. Chair Grohs volunteered to draft a statement to circulate to the Committee. Erik Shearer will be sending additional materials as outlined in September’s Minutes to facilitate this process. The Committee agreed to meet as needed to meet the end of October deadline.

Next Meeting: Thursday October 8th, 1:30 in the Library Conference Room A&B