

State of the Faculty Assembly, May 2009

Task Forces and Subcommittees Appointed in Academic Year 2008 – 2009:

General Education Reform—The GENS Standing Committee members agreed to serve as a task force chaired by Dean Jan Colijn and charged by Provost David Carr to examine the current general education curriculum and make recommendations for changes that will better achieve the desired learning outcomes.

Subcommittee of the Academic Programs and Policies Standing Committee—A subcommittee of the Academic Programs and Policies Standing Committee was charged on February 10, 2009 with a two-prong task of addressing college-wide guidelines for dual degree programs and reporting back to the Academic Policies Standing Committee and/or the Faculty Senate in Fall 2009.

Task Forces Previously Appointed by the Steering Committee:

Faculty Governance – With passage of the proposed Constitution for a Faculty Senate in November 2008, the task force on faculty governance was thanked for their thorough coordinated effort and dissolved.

General Education Curriculum Reform -- Charged December 2005 to research and recommend changes to the campus-wide general curriculum that would represent improved, simplified, yet effective liberal arts education in keeping with the mission of the College, a preliminary report was presented at Fall Faculty Assembly.



Other Initiatives in 2008 – 2009

Administration and Finance

- Maintained communications with the Vice President of Administration and Finance including status of budgets, planning issues, current construction costs, timeframes and issues. Discussed the impact of the 501(c)-3 “not-for-profit” corporation activities on the faculty and college as a whole.
- In collaboration with the SFT, presented to the Vic

Graduate Studies

- Reviewed the Masters of Science in Communication Disorder and moved it forward for approval by the various levels of review required.
- Disseminated results from the college-wide Graduate Studies Survey conducted in spring 2008. A total of 206 individuals responded to the survey, 27% of which included current graduate students. Results of the 65 question survey gathered attitudes about
 - program services;
 - library and media services;
 - contracted services; and
 - administrative offices.

Research and Professional Development

- **Sabbaticals** -- The Committee reviewed numerous applications for sabbatical and recommended awards of 16 semesters. The administra

