The meeting began at 4:05 PM. Present were David Van Buren, David Krugler, Frank Steck, Tim Zauche and Scott White. The committee recognized that it lacked a quorum and could not take any action.

Tim Zauche asked for an informal discussion about our impressions regarding the Math Department’s math placement exam report. The report was presented at our previous meeting. We identified a concern regarding the credibility and validity of the online math placement test. We agreed that the online test should be monitored to determine its effectiveness.

David Van Buren identified two questions that he wished the committee to consider. The first question related to our committee’s willingness to participate in the assessment of general education. We noted that we agreed, at our prior meeting, to participate in the Assessment Oversight Committee review.

The second question related to what specific steps we should take with respect to assessment of natural sciences and history. These two areas are the general education components that are on the list for review during 2005-06. The consensus was that we would not be able to complete any review during the current school year and would need to move the review to the fall.

We next had a wide-ranging, insightful and cogent discussion of the questions we should ask during our review of the general education areas. We did not reach a consensus but did review the suggested questions that had been submitted to Tim Zauche. The full committee will need to identify, at a later date, those questions that will serve as the basis for our review.

The meeting ended at 5:00 PM.

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