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The first meeting of the USFSP General Education Committee for the 2007/2008 academic year was held October 25, 2007 at 3:30PM. In attendance were acting Chair Todd Shank, committee members Cyndie Collins, Jenifer Baker, Andy Reeves, Susan Fernandez, Jim Krest, and Lisa Starks. Absent was Julie Armstrong.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the events of the past year that impacted this committee, mainly the passage our proposal (recently presented to the USFSP Faculty Council) that we adopt the new General Education Program developed by USF Tampa, including all related assessment methods and processes. The target implementation date for the new Gen Ed Program for both the St. Petersburg and Tampa campuses is Fall, 2008.

A discussion that followed reiterated the fact that we are still free to develop our own Gen Ed Program that is unique to the needs of the St. Petersburg campus in the future. But, for now, our focus was felt best placed on preparing our faculty and staff (now) for the implementation of the newly-adopted Gen Ed program scheduled for next year. Issues discussed as agenda items for meetings this year were to identify areas of need for the St. Petersburg campus for implementing the new program such as:

[1] Planning for new assessment techniques and processes to gather feedback about the efficacy of the Gen Ed program for purposes of continuous improvement;

[2] Inform faculty (particularly those teaching specific courses in the new Gen Ed program) about changes from the existing Gen Ed program (new and modified courses): our goal is to have a seminar here with a Gen Ed representative from the Tampa campus to “teach us the new system”.

Elections were held and Cyndie Collins was elected as the new Chair and Julie Armstrong as the new Secretary of the Gen Ed Committee for 2007/2008.

Todd Shank, former Chair
Gen Ed Committee