General Education Task Force
2014 Winter Retreat
January 23 – 24th
The Penn Stater Conference Center

Thursday, January 23rd (Senate Lounge)

7:00 – 8:30 pm Networking and Social Event (with Provost Nick Jones)
Dessert, coffee, and soft drinks will be served. Cash bar available.

Friday, January 24th (Room 207)

8:30 am Welcome and Introductions

8:45 – 9:45 am General Education Task Force: Accomplishments to Date and the Work Ahead (Mary Beth Williams and Rob Shannon)

9:45 - 10:00 am Goals of Break Out Session (and adjourn to break out rooms)

10:00 – 11:15 Break Out Sessions
1. What are the learning goals and objectives of the General Education Curriculum? (Discussion leader: Norah Shultz; Scribe: Robin Bower) (Room 212)

2. How can we motivate/incentivize faculty innovation and participation in General Education? (Discussion leader: Jane Sutton; Scribe: TBA) (Room 213)

3. If there was a reduction in credits in the General Education curriculum (e.g., 36 total), and some of these could not be counted for a student's primary major (e.g. 15), what would the impacts be to existing major degree programs? (Discussion leader: ask Paula Milone-Nuzzo; Scribe: TBA) (Room 214)

4. Should freshman seminar be a general education requirement? (Discussion Leader: Ann Taylor; Scribe: Chris Long) (Room 215)

5. Should engaged scholarship be a general education requirement? (Discussion leader: Rob Shannon; Scribe: Tanya Furman) (Room 216)

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6. How should cultural awareness be integrated in the Gen Ed curriculum? (Discussion leader: Marie Lindhorst; Scribe: Jonna Kulikowich) **Room 217**

11:30 – 12:00 Five Minute Reports from Break-Out Sessions **Room 207**

12:00 – 1:30 Buffet Lunch and Informal Discussion **Room 207**
12:30 – 1:00 pm Smeal students’ presentation

1:30 – 1:45 pm Working Toward Forensic Report, Adjourn to Subcommittee Meetings

1:45 – 3:15 pm Subcommittee Meetings
   Assessment (Room 212)
   Budget (Room 213)
   Communication (Room 214)
   Faculty (Room 215)
   Logistics (Room 216)
   Student (Room 217)
   Themes & Explorations (Room 219)

3:30 – 5:00 pm Discussion and Outline Forensic Report **Room 207**

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