Present: Barbara Cook (co-chair), Mike Shea (co-chair), Wendy Hardenberg (recording), Joan Kreiger, Terri Bennett, Isaiah Yopp, Devra Baxter, Jim Aselta, Cindy Simoneau, Helen Marx, Karen Cummings, Nicole Henderson, Heidi Lockwood

1. CALL TO ORDER: 9:41 a.m.

2. ANNOUNCEMENTS:
   a. A request for volunteers for the open at-large position on the committee will be sent out
   b. Co-chairs of LEPC are invited to Cindy’s next meeting with the Provost which is tentatively scheduled for Feb. 8

3. LEP DIRECTORS UPDATES
   a. Terri Bennett
      i. Request to add Tunxis LAS agreement on next agenda
      ii. Degree eval now shows “initial transfer credits” rather than total
   b. Karen Cummings
      i. No report

4. BUSINESS
   a. Old Business—
      i. Major restrictions survey
         1. Continued to review the data and compare challenges and recommended solutions from the survey to those identified in previous meetings (see #3 below) to develop a plan that would remove obstacles to student’s ability to engage in a variety of general courses.
         2. Discussion resulted in agreement to focus on the following options:
            a. List restricted courses as cognates in the degree eval
            b. Allow courses to appear as options in more than one tier 2 knowledge area
            c. Reintroduce difference in BA and BS degrees for the LEP
               i. Developed a subcommittee to begin to explore this possibility: Terri Bennett, Joan Kreiger, Helen Marx, and Heidi Lockwood

3. Past Proposed solutions by the LEPC
   a. No courses for majors only in Tier 2
b. No pre-req requirements beyond Tier 1 in Tier 2 courses

c. Designate certain Tier 2 Areas of Knowledge as off-limits for major restriction
   i. Proposed by SGA

d. Cap the number of LEP restrictions for each major program

e. List restricted courses as cognates in the degree eval

f. Remove all major restrictions from the LEP

g. Remove all major restrictions from Tier 2

h. Create guidelines for new major programs limiting LEP restrictions

i. Allow Tier 2 courses to appear as options in more than one Area of Knowledge

j. Remove all non-math Tier 1 major restrictions

k. Reintroduce difference between BA and BS degrees
   i. Reduce Tier 2 for BS degrees but disallow all Tier 2 restrictions
   ii. Reduce Tier 2 for BS degrees and disallow all Tier 2 restrictions for both BA and BS

l. If students change majors, then flexibility in Tier 2 can be available [TBD]

m. Combine Natural World I and II into a single block of at least 7 credits

n. Major restricted categories appear under the major instead of under the LEP, and would only reappear if the student changes majors and the category is unrestricted in the new major

5. ADJOURNMENT: 10:50 a.m.