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Full Committee Meeting Jan 19, 2005 Minutes

The University Studies (UNST) Committee met on Wednesday Jan 19, 2005 in the Library Seminar Room at 10:00 AM. The following were present: Robert Davis, Sanjiv Sarin, Scott Simkins, Lea Williams, Nita Dewberry, Trent Larson, Shirley Bell, Jean Williams, Peter Meyers, Sandra Hicks, Millicent Brown, Rita Lamb, Shea Burns, Walthea Cobitz, John Kelly, Michael Roberto, Emmanuel Ikegwu, Sheila Rowe, DeRome Dunn, Japhet Nkonge, Devdas Pai, Tony Graham.

- I. Davis opened the meeting and asked all committee members, guest attendees and members of the new Faculty Roundtable to introduce themselves. It was suggested that a mini-retreat be organized for the Roundtable members to allow them to get fully acquainted with the UNST program. The UNST Co-Chairs (Davis and Sarin) agreed to draft a statement outlining the role of the Faculty Roundtable.
- II. Simkins presented a brief summary of Peggy Maki and Terry Rhodes' comments during their exit meeting with the UNST executive committee. Davis mentioned that a team from A&T may visit Portland State for a closer view of their program. Hicks recommended interviewing students who are in the program at Portland State or those who have recently completed the program.
- III. Sarin reviewed the current descriptions of the Foundation courses. Roberto helped explain the UNST 120: The Contemporary World course.
- IV. Some additional members were added to the Foundation course committees. The Foundation course committees were asked to discuss and refine the course descriptions and present a brief report at the next full committee meeting on February 2, 2005.
- V. Nkonge asked whether ENGL 100 and 101 will remain in the University's course offerings along with UNST 110 (Critical Writing). It was felt that the need for ENGL 100 and 101 will have to be determined by the academic departments. Sarin suggested that UNST 110 could be viewed as an improved version of ENGL 101 where students will be required to demonstrate critical thinking skills in writing along with credible course assessment using student portfolios.
- VI. The next meeting of the full committee will be held on Feb 2, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

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