

General Education Core Curriculum Review Committee
Minutes: January 21, 2004

Present:

Robert Davis, Sanjiv Sarin, Scott Simkins, Michael Roberto, Shirley Bell.

- I. Simkins informed committee members about the Deans/Chairs/Cabinet meeting on Friday Feb 13, 2004 focusing on status of General Education.
- II. Simkins provided detailed comments on the Interim Report. He volunteered to edit the report and send it to committee members for final approval.
- III. Roberto suggested that the statement of learning objectives include a preamble statement that introduces the purpose and mission of the General Education program and creates a setting for the learning objectives. Committee members supported this suggestion. Sarin agreed to send a draft statement of purpose and mission to committee members.
- IV. The sub-committee on learning objectives has set the following schedule for writing the preamble and learning objectives: Draft statement: Feb 4, 2004; Discuss in GECCR-C: Feb 18, 2004; Present to Curriculum Committee of College of Arts and Sciences: Mar 10, 2004.
- V. Davis shared information about upcoming teleconferences (ref: e-mail from Provost). The teleconferences are being organized by the National Resource Center for The First-Year Experience and Students in Transition. (a) Promoting the Public Good: Fulfilling Higher Education's Civic Mission featuring Regina Hughes, Elaine K. Ikeda, and Edward Zlotkowski Thursday, March 4, 2004 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST, (b) Creating Engaged Learning Environments featuring Jim Burns, James Groccia, Suzanne Hamid, and Constance Staley Thursday, March 25, 2004 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST, (c) Rethinking Retention featuring John N. Gardner, Kay McClenney, and Patrick Terenzini Thursday, April 8, 2004 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm EDST (daylight savings time), (d) Campus Activities: Creating Intentional Connections for Student Learning featuring Jan Arminio, Gregory Blimling, and Walter Kimbrough Thursday, April 29, 2004 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm EDST (daylight savings time). He will check with Brewington on funding availability.
- VI. Sarin mentioned that the 2004-05 FUTURES Ventures Fund Grants Opportunity has been announced. He will forward the RFP to Davis for further distribution to committee members.
- VII. Davis mentioned that NC Central was undergoing a revision of its General Education program at the current time. He shared some changes they are considering (15 credit hours of English and Foreign Language Communication, required ethics course). Carlton Wilson has been appointed as the Director of General Studies. The NCCU revised curriculum is expected to be implemented in Fall 2005.
- VIII. Roberto suggested that all General Education courses be offered either thrice a week (MWF) or twice a week (TR schedule). The members were in favor of this suggestion.
- IX. The next meeting of the full committee will be on meeting will be held on February 18, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05 AM.

Recorded by Sanjiv Sarin