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Full Committee Meeting Feb 2, 2005 Minutes

The University Studies (UNST) Committee met on Wednesday Feb 2, 2005 in the Library Classroom at 10:00 AM. The following were present: Robert Davis, Sanjiv Sarin, Nita Dewberry, Trent Larson, Shirley Bell, Jean Williams, Peter Meyers, Sandra Hicks, Rita Lamb, Shea Burns, Michael Roberto, Emmanuel Ikegwu, Tony Graham, Jason DePolo, Bryon Turman, Karen Hornsby, William Amponsah, Perry Howard, Samuel Moseley, Alex Williamson, Kathy Cousins Cooper, Phil Carey, Olen Cole, Michelle Levy, Larry Hajel.

- I. The Foundation Course committee chairs presented their reports to the full committee. The course committee reports focused on the course descriptions for the new courses.
 - a. UNST 100 Freshman Seminar: Sarin presented the course description. A suggestion was made to change course title to “University Experience” to account for non-freshmen who may need to take the course. The course description was approved.
 - b. UNST 110 Critical Writing: Bell stated that her course committee supported the current language of the course. The full committee approved the course description.
 - c. UNST 120 The Contemporary World: Roberto informed members that he and his team were already teaching the course in a pilot mode. His course committee has approved the course description. The full committee also approved the course description.
 - d. UNST 130 Analytical Reasoning: Williamson presented a revised version of the course description based on his course committee’s deliberations. He stated that it would take another week to get input from the Mathematics faculty. A suggestion was made that perhaps there could be two courses – one that would have more science content (with mathematics in a supporting role) and another course that would have more mathematics content (with science in a supporting role). Both courses would include simple logic and the scientific method to introduce critical thinking skills. However, the preference was to have a single course that integrates science, mathematics and logic.
 - e. UNST 140 The African American Experience: Moseley presented a revised title and course description based on his course committee’s discussions. The revised title is “The African American Experience: An Interdisciplinary Perspective”. In addition to the course description, Moseley shared some suggested topics for the course. In response to a question from Roberto, Moseley stated that the course committee was working to integrate several existing courses (that are currently cross-listed with UNST 140) into a single course. However, that will take approximately one year.
- II. Next, the theme-based courses were reviewed by the committee members.
 - a. Science + Technology + Progress (Peter Meyers, Chair): The cluster theme and associated courses (including course description for the new course: UNST 210 Science, Technology and Progress) were approved.
 - b. Energy and Environment (Ghasem Shahbazi, Chair): The cluster theme and associated courses (including course description for the new course: UNST 220 Energy, Environment and Justice) were approved.
 - c. Community and Conflict (Shirley Bell, Chair): The cluster theme and associated courses (including course description for the new course: UNST 230 Community and Conflict) were approved.

- d. Health Lifestyles and the Human Condition (Trent Larson, Chair): The cluster theme and course description for the new course: UNST 240 Health, Lifestyles and the Human Condition were approved. Larson will present a list of associated courses by Feb 8, 2005.
- III. Sarin announced that the UNST program will be submitted to the Faculty Senate's Curriculum and New Programs Committee by its Feb 22, 2005 deadline.
- IV. It was agreed that all the courses in the UNST program would be subject to a two-year sunset clause. That is, within the next two years, every course will be reevaluated by the Faculty Roundtable and the UNST committee. The UNST committee will also provide overall program assessment to the UNST Dean.
- V. It was recommended that the University administration delay SIS course entry, publication of University Bulletin, and other related processes. Davis will contact the appropriate authorities in this regard.
- VI. The next meeting of the full committee will be held on Feb 16, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 Noon.

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