

General Education Core Curriculum Review Committee
Minutes: February 18, 2004

Present:

Robert Davis, Sanjiv Sarin, Scott Simkins, Michael Roberto, Shirley Bell, Perry Howard, Shea Burns, Trent Larson, Nita Dewberry, John Kelly, Sandra Hicks, Jean Williams, Cynthia Gillespie-Johnson.

- I. Minutes of the January 21, 2004 meeting were approved.
- II. Simkins presented a Preamble statement which was based on input received from Roberto, Sarin, Bell and Simkins. There was some discussion about the reference to completing General Education requirements in two years. It was suggested that the language be changed to “expected to be two years” instead of “two years” to allow flexibility for some programs. However, it was agreed that programs that stretch General Education requirements beyond two years would be required to present justification. A suggestion was made to split the preamble into two parts: one or two short paragraphs followed by a longer piece. Additionally, there were editorial changes recommended and were agreed by the committee members. Simkins will revise the statement and post it on the Website.
- III. The committee next considered the revised statement of Learning Objectives. There was some discussion whether additional objectives relating to “Life Skills” and “Health and Fitness” should be added. Volunteers are needed to draft a statement of these objectives. It was agreed to add the word “behavioral” after “moral, social” in the “Ethics and Social Responsibility” objective. It was agreed to eliminate the objective entitled “Interdisciplinary Learning” and move the concepts to other learning objectives (Scientific Method). With that change, the learning objectives were accepted by all present.
- IV. Davis polled committee members to determine interest in the March 4th teleconference on “Promoting the Public Good: Fulfilling Higher Education's Civic Mission” featuring Regina Hughes, Elaine K. Ikeda, and Edward Zlotkowski @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST. There was no interest.
- V. Davis next asked committee members if there was interest in the March 25th teleconference on “Creating Engaged Learning Environments” featuring Jim Burns, James Groccia, Suzanne Hamid, and Constance Staley Thursday, @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm EST. There was sufficient interest and therefore this teleconference will be organized.
- VI. Davis announced that he, Sarin and Simkins will be attending the General Education Conference March 4-6 in Long Beach, CA. He also announced that a team of A&T faculty will attend the AAC&U Institute in Rhode Island on General Education Reform, Assessment and Learning Improvement during May 21-26 and invited interested people to contact him. The deadline for filing the application is March 1.
- VII. The next meeting of the full committee will be on meeting will be held on March 17, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Recorded by Sanjiv Sarin