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Full Committee Meeting Mar 30, 2005 Minutes

The University Studies (UNST) Committee met on Wednesday Mar 30, 2005 in the Library Classroom at 10:00 AM. The following were present: Robert Davis, Sanjiv Sarin, Shirley Bell, Peter Meyers, Rita Lamb, Jean Williams, DeRome Dunn, Millicent Brown, Mark Kiel, Mary Wall, Walthea Cobitz, Nita Dewberry, Shea Burns, Perry Howard.

- I. Davis began the meeting by recognizing Dr. Mark Kiel who will be serving on the UNST committee as a representative of the School of Business and Economics.
- II. Davis reminded committee members that a joint meeting of the UNST committee and the Senate Committee on Programs and Curricula will be held on Tuesday Mar 31, 2005 in 414 Craig Hall. He encouraged committee members to attend this meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to establish close cooperation between the two committees in order to meet the timeline for implementation of the UNST program in Fall 2006.
- III. Sarin presented an update on proposals received in response to the Call for Proposals for Course Development in Summer 2005. A total of 21 proposals have been received (some additional proposals are expected by the end of the week). The distribution of proposals is given below:
 - a. UNST 100 – 1
 - b. UNST 110 – 1
 - c. UNST 130 – 1
 - d. UNST 140 – 1
 - e. Science & Technology theme – 7
 - f. Energy and Environment theme – 5
 - g. Community and Conflict theme – 3
 - h. Health and Lifestyles theme – 2
- IV. Davis gave a brief update on the search process for the Dean of UNST. Telephone interviews are currently being conducted. The goal is to have someone in place by July 1.
- V. Lamb presented an update on the search process for UNST faculty. She reported that 15 telephone interviews had been conducted. Campus interviews with selected candidates will occur in mid to late April.
- VI. Kiel presented the following concerns/suggestions from the Business and Economics faculty. The committee will address these issues at the next meeting.
 - a. We should cross-list UNST courses with traditional courses in single disciplines to facilitate students who may transfer into or out of the university
 - b. The cluster themes should be categorized into smaller groups with sets of courses within each group. One option may be to have 4 groups within each theme and students may be asked to take one course from each group. The groups could be based on the four overarching goals or “pillars” of the UNST program (communication, critical thinking, diversity, and civic engagement).
 - c. Extend the theme courses into the senior year and allow individual departments to introduce course(s) that satisfy one of the four theme course requirement.
 - d. Ensure that the SIS system automatically monitors students in terms of their compliance with UNST requirements, and identifies each student’s selected theme and the student’s progress within the theme.
- VII. Sarin reported that the UNST committee has been asked to present an update at the FUTURES retreat on April 28-29. He invited committee members to work with the committee co-chairs to prepare and present the update.
- VIII. The next meeting of the full committee will be held on April 6, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

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