

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

Present:

Robert Davis, Sanjiv Sarin, Scott Simkins, Shirley Bell, Perry Howard, Lea Williams, Rita Lamb, John Kelly.

- I. Simkins presented a brief summary of the AAC&U Faculty Staff Institute (attended by Bob Davis, Scott Simkins, Shea Burns, Shirley Bell and Perry Howard) in Rhode Island during May 21-26. He also shared a copy of the Institute Report and indicated that it will be posted on the UNST Website soon.
- II. There was some discussion about the visit by Peggy Maki and Terry Rhodes. It was decided to split one visit to two separate visits, perhaps one in Fall and the other in early Spring. Simkins will follow up on this.
- III. Kelly and others suggested that we dedicate Fall Break as Faculty Development days. This proposal will be taken to the Faculty Senate for further deliberations.
- IV. Sarin gave a status update on the pilot courses for Fall 04. Summary reviews have been sent to the faculty members developing/offering pilot courses. Anonymous copies of the reviews were shared with the committee. A meeting/workshop will be held with the instructors on Tuesday Sep 7 (3:30PM-5:00PM) in Dowdy 304.
- V. Only 3 people have signed up for the Spring 2005 Pilot Courses Pre-proposal workshop scheduled for Sep 14. Committee members were requested to distribute copies of the RFP to their schools/colleges. Howard reported that he had already done that in School of Agriculture.
- VI. Roberto, Howard and others suggested that the Committee meet more often given the extent of work to be done. All agreed to meet every Wednesday, but later changed that to meet every 1st and 3rd Wednesday in the Library Conference room.
- VII. Shirley Bell shared a copy of her ENGL101 course (one of the pilot courses in fall 2004). She also mentioned that open houses have been planned for Oct 21, 28, Nov 18 and Dec 2 (5:00PM-6:15PM) in the New Classroom Auditorium.
- VIII. All committee members agreed that the appointment/election of the Faculty Roundtable needs to be completed soon. Sarin has sent a reminder e-mail to the School/College Deans requesting their assistance in this matter.
- IX. Lamb reported that the ASPIRE program was operating as planned.
- X. Sarin suggested that the committee consider the matter of UNST curriculum. He proposed a two-tier structure consisting of 24-27 credit hours of regimented and specified clusters and a flexible component (of 12-15 credit hours) left to the individual programs to define. He was asked to present more details at the next meeting.
- XI. The next meeting of the full committee will be held on Sep 1, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 11:20 AM.

Recorded by Sanjiv Sarin