

General Education Core Curriculum Committee  
Minutes: September 17, 2003

Present:

Janice Brewington, Robert Davis, Nita Dewberry, Jean Williams, Trent Larson, Vincent Childress, Perry Howard, Sanjiv Sarin, Shea Burns, Michelle Levy, Abebe Kebede, Alvin Keyes, Sandra Hicks, Shirley Bell.

- I. Dr. Bob Davis, Co-Chair, welcomed new committee members and requested members to introduce themselves again.
- II. Minutes of the Sep 3 meeting were approved.
- III. Dr. Alvin Keyes provided an overview of the process that must be followed to approve changes to the Gen Ed program. Essentially, it would be similar to approving a new program. He indicated that the Senate meetings are held every month (fourth Tuesday) and invited Gen Ed Committee members to provide a brief presentation of the Gen Ed Committee's past work and planned work to the Senators on Tuesday Sep 23.
- IV. Dr. Michelle Levy emphasized the need to be more ambitious in writing the learning objectives. She was advised to send in specific recommendations to the Committee Chair by Sep 25. Dr. Levy's comments were followed by a general discussion regarding specificity/generality of the learning objectives. Dr. Brewington advised members to focus on the process at this stage.
- V. Dr. Bell cited her experience at Alabama State and mentioned how under-prepared students were handled there. She also mentioned that attrition rates were highly correlated with students' ability to write.

Dr. Sarin provided an update of his meeting with the UNC-Community College transfer Advisory Committee. He made an important observation: Under the TAC agreement, a Community College student who completes his/her Associates degree is also assumed to have completed all requirements of the Gen Ed program at any UNC University that provides admission to him/her.

- VI. Dr. Bob Davis shared copies of the article "Keeping General Education Vital" to all committee members. He also requested Dr. Brewington to get copies of the AAC&U document "Twelve Principles for Effective General Education Programs" for distribution to committee members.

Dr. Brewington shared information on the ETS workshop on Academic Profile. Dr. Sarin and Mr. Robert Ussery from A&T are attending the online workshop on Sep 22.

- VII. The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Recorded by Sanjiv Sarin