

General Education Core Curriculum Review Committee
Minutes: Sep 29, 2004

Present:

Robert Davis, Sanjiv Sarin, Shirley Bell, Rita Lamb, Shea Burns, Trent Larson, Jean Williams, Devang Mehta, Michael Roberto, Dawn Murphy, Donald McDowell, Nita Dewberry.

- I. Minutes of the Sep 15 meeting were approved.
- II. Sarin gave a summary of the Pre-proposal workshop conducted by Simkins on Sep 16 for faculty members planning to develop new courses in Spring 2005. He encouraged committee members to review the responses of the attendees to the two questions: "What is an interdisciplinary university?" and "What is an interdisciplinary course?" Davis shared a copy of the Call for Proposals and informed everyone that it had been circulated through the university listserv.
- III. Davis provided a summary of the meetings he and Sarin had with the Provost, Cabinet and the Deans where the curriculum structure was shared. The administrators are generally supportive of the proposed curriculum structure. It was suggested that we start with a few (2 or 3) clusters initially and add more in subsequent years. Dr. Roselle Wilson may be able to help us in documenting the volunteer hours.
- IV. Davis further updated the committee on the presentation of the preamble, Guiding Principles and Learning Objectives to the faculty senate on Sep 28. He announced that the Faculty Senate had approved the document with some minor corrections.
- V. The committee members discussed options for setting up themes for the Clusters. Roberto presented one theme entitled "Citizenship for the 21st Century: Changing the World by Changing the Self". It was agreed that the UNST Committee will decide the Cluster Themes and invite faculty members to propose courses. Ideally, faculty committees would be formed to "own" a cluster.
- VI. Burns suggested that students be given the option to change their cluster. She further questioned whether we had a process in place to ensure that a student stays within a cluster. It will be necessary to work with the registrar's Office to ensure that students don't switch clusters.
- VII. Reminder: A workshop on Interdisciplinary Course Development and Assessment workshop will be held on Jan 12-13, 2005. Presenters will include Peggy Maki and Terry Rhodes.
- VIII. The next meeting of the full committee will be held on Oct 20, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Recorded by Sanjiv Sarin