

General Education Core Curriculum Review Committee
Minutes: Nov 3, 2004

Present:

Robert Davis, Sanjiv Sarin, Shirley Bell, Rita Lamb, Shea Burns, Trent Larson, Jean Williams, Michael Roberto, Caesar Jackson, Nita Dewberry, Lea Williams, Eleanor Gwynn, Walthea Cobitz.

- I. Davis shared a draft position announcement for new faculty for University Studies. Dean Jackson asked the committee to think about the disciplinary backgrounds required of the new faculty. It was agreed that the term “liberal education” covered the variety of disciplinary backgrounds. There was some discussion regarding the changing workloads of the faculty in the college of arts and sciences and the need for redistributing their teaching assignments. Roberto suggested that we first conclude our discussions on cluster themes and then get advice from cluster team leaders on the skills and backgrounds required of new faculty.
- II. Sarin informed members that he and Davis have requested all department chairs to invite them to their faculty meetings for in-depth discussions on the proposed curriculum structure of University Studies. He encouraged committee members to help in setting up these meetings. Davis mentioned that the Provost was sending out a letter to all department chairs asking for the same.
- III. Davis complimented the Public Relations office for the recent Aggie report that covered the University Studies committee’s activities and statements in great detail.
- IV. Larson briefly talked about an idea of a cluster theme on “Individuals in the human community”. Bell mentioned a theme she has suggested on “Preparation for Peace”. All faculty proposing themes are asked to write a brief paragraph describing the theme.
- V. Committee members were reminded to attend the workshop on “What is Interdisciplinary Teaching and Learning - And How Do I Do It?” on Wednesday Nov 10, 2004 (9-12) in the Library Seminar Room. The presenter is Dr. Richard Carp, Professor and Chair of the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at Appalachian State University. Committee members were also invited to attend a lunch meeting with Dr. Carp (12:30-2:30) in Dowdy 304.
- VI. Committee members were requested to attend the two Town Hall meetings that have been scheduled to discuss the curriculum structure and to arrive at consensus on cluster themes. The meetings will be held at 3-5 PM on Monday, Nov 15 (New Classroom Auditorium) and Tuesday, Nov 16 (McNair Auditorium).
- 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 Nov 17, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Recorded by Sanjiv Sarin