General Education Core Curriculum Review Committee
Minutes: Nov 17, 2004

Present:
Robert Davis, Sanjiv Sarin, Shirley Bell, Rita Lamb, Shea Burns, Trent Larson, Jean Williams, Devang Mehta, Michael Roberto, Donald McDowell, Nita Dewberry, John Kelly, Walthea Cobitz, Abebe Kebede, Peter Meyers.

I. Davis and Sarin briefly reported on the two Town Hall meetings held over the last two days to discuss the curriculum structure and to receive faculty comments on the cluster themes. While attendance was lower than expected, the quality of the discussions was excellent and several suggestions were given regarding the titles of the cluster themes.

II. The members then considered the four proposed cluster themes. Three themes: Science, society and progress?; Energy, environment and justice; and Health, lifestyles and community were approved by the committee. There was extended discussion about the fourth proposed theme (possible titles: War and peace: communities in conflict; Community and conflict). It was felt that the title did not relate well to the concept as described in the accompanying narrative. The committee approved the narrative but requested Dr. Bell and her colleagues to suggest another title. The current statement of cluster themes is attached.

III. Cluster teams were created for each theme. The initial members are listed below. More members will be invited to join each team.
   a. Science, society and progress? Cluster Committee: Peter Meyers (History), John Kelly (Engineering)
   b. Energy, environment and justice. Cluster Committee: Ghasem Shahbazi (Agriculture), Abebe Kebede (Physics), Claude Barnes (Political Science)
   c. Health, lifestyles and the human community. Cluster Committee: Trent Larson (Education), Sandra Hicks (Nursing), Eleanor Gwynn (Visual and Performing Arts)
   d. Community and conflict (to be restated). Cluster Committee: Shirley Bell (English), Shea Burns (Mathematics), Jean Williams (Library), Rita Lamb (TCSS)

IV. Dewberry announced the lecture on the new Liberal Studies program to be held today (Nov 17) at 3 PM in the New Classroom Auditorium and invited committee members to attend it.

V. 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.

VI. The next meeting of the full committee will be held on Dec 1, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Recorded by Sanjiv Sarin