

General Education Core Curriculum Committee
Minutes: November 19, 2003

Present:

Robert Davis, Sanjiv Sarin, Scott Simkins, Jean Williams, Trent Larson, Devang Mehta (representing Vincent Childress), Perry Howard, Shirley Bell, John Kelly, Michael Roberto, Dorothy Harris, Janice Brewington, Charles Williams.

- I. Minutes of the Sep 17 and Oct 22 meetings were approved.
- II. Reports from Subcommittees charged with summarizing faculty feedback from town meetings were postponed to the Dec 10 meeting of the committee.
- III. A draft mission statement was proposed by Sarin. There were some suggestions offered during the meeting. It was decided that members would send their feedback to Sarin. Some ideas were also proposed for a theme (interdisciplinary learning and discovery, dynamic contemporary global society, civic engagement).
- IV. The committee considered some ideas for new and/or revised learning objectives for the general Education program, in particular one relating to life skills. Dr. Harris agreed to submit a draft learning objective to the committee. There was also some discussion regarding Dr. Levy's proposal to combine the first three draft objectives into two new ones. No decision was reached. Dr. Simkins' subcommittee was asked to consider these issues further.
- V. There was some discussion regarding critical thinking skills. Davis pointed out that Dr. Sandra Williamson had recently attended a conference on critical thinking and that she would be a good resource for the committee.
- VI. Some ideas were considered regarding a faculty development workshop. Suggestions for speakers included Peggy Maky and Toby Fulweiller.
- VII. Sarin reported that he presented a status update report to a meeting of the FUTURES Planning and Resource Committee on Nov 18. Part of the feedback from that meeting was to include students, employers and other stakeholders in the general Education Review and Revision process.
- VIII. There will not be an Executive Committee meeting on December 3. Instead, the Full Committee meeting will be held on December 10, 2003.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Recorded by Sanjiv Sarin