

General Education Core Curriculum Committee  
Minutes: December 10, 2003

Present:

Robert Davis, Sanjiv Sarin, Scott Simkins, Jean Williams, Trent Larson, Perry Howard, Michael Roberto, Dorothy Harris, Sandra Hicks

- I. Subcommittees charged with summarizing faculty feedback from town meetings presented their reports. Reports were presented by Simkins (Learning Objectives Subcommittee), Sarin (Process Structure and Governance Subcommittee) and Davis (Credit Hours Subcommittee) on behalf of each subcommittee. A copy of each subcommittee's report was shared with the members and will be posted on the website.
- II. Simkins summarized faculty feedback on learning objectives into 12 objectives: Effective communication, Quantitative skills, Scientific method, Global cultures, African-American Culture, Fine Arts and Literature, Ethics, Healthy Lifestyles, Life Skills, Service Learning, Information Technology, Critical Thinking. Dr. Harris presented a draft learning objective relating to life skills. The subcommittee dealing with learning objectives will incorporate this suggestion in its final report.
- III. Sarin summarized faculty comments relating to structure, process and governance. The individual comments were restated under several categories: Instructor quality, Credit structure, Pedagogy, Interdisciplinary approaches, Governance, Assessment, Writing, Incoming abilities of freshmen, Critical thinking, General education review process, Specific course recommendations, and Miscellaneous.
- IV. Davis summarized data received from the departments regarding number of credit hours that can be devoted to general education without affecting accreditation. The number of hours ranged from 36 (Chemistry) to 77 (Psychology). Some departments/majors did not submit requested data; a final request will be made to those departments.
- V. The next meeting of the full committee will be on meeting will be held on January 21, 2003.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM.

Recorded by Sanjiv Sarin