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Full Committee Meeting Dec 15, 2004 Minutes

The University Studies (UNST) Committee met on Wednesday Dec 15, 2004 in the Library Seminar Room at 10:00 AM. The following members were present: Robert Davis, Sanjiv Sarin, Scott Simkins, Lea Williams, Shirley Bell, Rita Lamb, Shea Burns, Trent Larson, Jean Williams, Michael Roberto, Nita Dewberry, John Kelly, Peter Meyers, Perry Howard, Karen Hornsby, Millicent Brown, Olen Cole.

- I. Davis reviewed the Executive Committee's meeting held on Dec 8, 2004 with the Provost, Faculty Senate chair Dr. Alvin Keyes and Faculty Senate Curriculum and Programs Committee Chair Dr. Gwen Highsmith-Quick. He pointed out Dr. Keyes' suggestion to replace the proposed 2-credit courses (to make up English and Mathematics deficiencies) by 3-credit courses. A motion was made to adopt Dr. Keyes' suggestion. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. Dr. Kelly asked whether these courses would be covered by financial aid. There was general agreement that the courses would be covered by financial aid.
- II. Davis shared a copy of the UNST program's status report that includes: Purpose, Guiding Principles, Learning Objectives, Curriculum Structure, Cluster concept and themes, Developmental Model, Suggested placement of courses, list of Fall 2004 Pilot courses, list of Spring 2005 proposers, organizational structure, list of Roundtable Members, and Work remaining. A prolonged discussion ensued regarding a number of issues. It was decided to meet again on Monday Dec 20, 2004 at 10 AM to discuss the following remaining issues:
 - a. Role of foundation courses
 - b. Relationship between foundation courses and theme-based courses in clusters
 - c. How will competency testing work?
 - d. Where do basic science courses fit in the foundation level?
 - e. Should we have a single course for global studies and other courses in the foundation level?
 - f. Should all foundation courses be completed in the first semester?
- III. Davis reminded members that the Peggy Maki/Terry Rhodes workshop on Interdisciplinary Course Development and Assessment workshop will be held on Jan 12-13, 2005. Simkins will disseminate information about the workshop to the university community and plan the workshop.
- IV. It was suggested that Faculty Roundtable members be invited to future meetings of the UNST Committee.
- V. The next meeting of the full committee will be held on Dec 20, 2004 followed by the first meeting in the Spring Semester on Jan 5, 2005.

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Recorded by Sanjiv Sarin