

## General Education Core Curriculum Review and Reform Executive Committee Meeting April 7, 2004 Minutes

The General Education Core Curriculum Review and Reform Executive Committee met on Wednesday April 7, 2004 in the Library Conference Room at 10:00 AM. The following were present: Dr. Robert Davis, Dr. Sanjiv Sarin, Dr. Scott Simkins.

1. It was agreed that the “Developmental Model” of General Education based on Portland State University’s program will be presented to the full GECCR on April 21, 2004. Additional items to be presented for discussion include revising the bullets in the Preamble statement to include four major “goals”: Critical Thinking, Communication Skills, Social Responsibility/Civic Engagement/Ethics, and Diversity/World Cultures. The current learning objectives are connected to these four goals. For each goal, there would be three “levels” of learning: Foundation/Discovery, Analysis/Problem Solving and Integrative. For each Goal-Level combination, a set of measurable outcomes will be defined. As students progress from the Foundation/Discovery level to the Integrative Level, the learning outcomes will change from Knowledge and Comprehension to Synthesis and Evaluation (higher levels in Bloom’s taxonomy).
2. Some suggestions were made in terms of the structure of the General Education program. There was consensus on establishing a Faculty Roundtable consisting of representatives from each school/college and with the responsibility of academic oversight of the General Education program, for example, admitting courses into the program, approving assessment methods, evaluating assessment results, etc.
3. The Executive Committee will be meeting with the Provost on April 30, 2004 to update her on the progress of the committee’s work.
4. A meeting will be planned with Dean Jackson and Provost Meyers to consider the impact of the recently announced restructuring of the College of Arts and Sciences on the work of the GECCR.
5. Plans are being finalized for the five-member team that will attend the AAC&U’s General Education Institute in Rhode Island in May.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

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