

## General Education Core Curriculum Review and Reform Executive Committee Meeting May 5, 2004 Minutes

The General Education Core Curriculum Review and Reform Executive Committee met on Wednesday May 5, 2004 in the Library Conference Room at 10:00 AM. The following were present: Dr. Robert Davis, Dr. Sanjiv Sarin, Dr. Scott Simkins, Dr. Janice Brewington, Dr. Lea Williams.

1. Dr. Brewington introduced Dr. Lea Williams who will be replacing her on the Executive Committee during the next year. Committee members introduced themselves to Dr. Lea Williams and welcomed her to the team.
2. An initial set of pilot courses for general education were proposed by Sarin based on current NC A&T course catalog descriptions. These courses appear to be interdisciplinary based on the catalog descriptions and will be identified as such in fall 2004. The idea is that a set of current courses could be revised to meet the new general education objectives developed during the 2003-2004 academic year. This revision process would begin during the summer of 2004 and the revised courses would be offered during the fall, 2004 semester. Other courses were also mentioned as possible choices for the pilot program including Hist 100 and Soci 100. Committee members decided to review the bulletin and assemble again on May 6 2004 to finalize the list of courses from which the first set of pilot courses will be selected. Funding will be sought to support the revision of current courses to serve as pilot general education courses during the fall, 2004 semester.
3. Brewington suggested that all faculty receive the same set of instructions for developing new/enhancing existing pilot courses. Sarin suggested that instructors should enhance and align the courses with the new general education preamble, learning objectives and developmental model and further show how the course shows connections between at least two disciplines; document learning objectives for the course that are consistent with the approved general education learning objectives; specify and implement an assessment plan for the course; interact with the faculty roundtable periodically during fall 2004; and submit a 2 page report detailing how the course has changed and how its meets the goals of the new general education model.
4. Funding will be sought to support the development of a second set of new pilot courses (5) to be offered in spring 2005.
5. Simkins expressed concern regarding the 400-500 courses in the initial list of pilot courses. It was agreed to remove these courses from the set of pilot courses.
6. It was suggested by Davis that the GECCR-C serve as a surrogate for the faculty roundtable, at least during the fall semester. This was agreed by all.
7. Executive committee members will be meeting with Dean Jackson and Provost Meyers at 11 AM on Thursday May 6 to consider the impact of the recently announced restructuring of the College of Arts and Sciences on the work of the GECCR.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 AM

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