

## General Education Core Curriculum Review and Reform Executive Committee (Special) Meeting May 6, 2004 Minutes

The General Education Core Curriculum Review and Reform Executive Committee met in a special session on Wednesday May 6, 2004 in Dowdy 311 at 11:00 AM. The following were present: Dr. Robert Davis, Dr. Sanjiv Sarin, Dr. Scott Simkins, Dr. Caesar Jackson.

1. Dr. Caesar Jackson described the restructuring that has been proposed in the College of Arts and Sciences and explained how it will impact the work of the General Education Committee. He expressed his interest in and support of the work of the Committee.
2. Dr. Bob Davis presented an overview of the proposed organization and governance of the University Studies (General Education) program, including the concept of faculty roundtable and the possibility of faculty joint appointments.
3. Dr. Sanjiv Sarin discussed a plan to offer pilot courses in Fall 2004 and shared a tentative list of courses and instructors who may be supported during summer to enhance the courses. Dr. Jackson suggested adding some basic introductory courses in ENGL, MATH and SPCH in addition to the interdisciplinary courses. This was agreed by the members present. Dr. Jackson further agreed to help refine the list of courses and to contact the instructors. Sarin was asked to send an electronic copy of the "Instructions to Instructors of Pilot Courses."
4. Dr. Scott Simkins discussed the project he is working on with the History faculty dealing with large classes. He explained how this not only connects with the work of the General Education Committee but also has the potential to benefit the University's planning for increased student enrollment in the next five years. He will use his funds to support Drs. Robert, Fonge, Woods and Porter on this project and will meet with them weekly to monitor the progress of the project.
5. It was agreed that at most 2 instructors would be supported for each pilot course. However, the executive committee will consider requests for three or more instructors on a case by case basis.
6. There was some discussion regarding the administration of the University Studies courses under the new model. Dr. Jackson suggested cross-listing the University Studies and the traditional courses to avoid having to re-submit the new course numbers for accreditation purposes. For example, UNST 101/HIST 100 or UNST-HIST 100. It would be necessary to discuss this matter with ITT as it relates to SIS and Banner.

The meeting adjourned at 12:40 PM

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