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Executive Committee Meeting Dec 8, 2004 Minutes

The General Education Core Curriculum Review and Reform Executive Committee met on Wednesday Dec 8, 2004 in Dowdy 311 at 10:00 AM. The following members were present: Dr. Robert Davis, Dr. Sanjiv Sarin, Dr. Scott Simkins. Invited guests included: Dr. Carolyn Meyers, Dr. Alvin Keyes, Dr. Gwen Highsmith-Quick.

1. The primary purpose of the meeting was to present a report of the University Studies Committee's work to the Provost and the leadership of the Faculty Senate. In addition to the Provost, the President of the Faculty Senate (Dr. Alvin Keyes) and the Chair of the Curriculum and Programs Committee (Dr. Gwen Highsmith-Quick) attended the meeting. An eight-page summary of the UNST Committee's progress was shared.
2. Dr. Keyes expressed some concern regarding the proposed 2-credit courses to make up for deficiencies in Mathematics and English. After some discussion, it was agreed that the 2-credit courses would be replaced by 3-credit courses.
3. Dr. Keyes and Dr. Highsmith-Quick had some questions regarding the curriculum structure and the proposed clusters. These were answered satisfactorily. In particular, it was mentioned that the proposed "foundation" courses were meant to prepare students for higher level courses in the clusters, and not for fully preparing students for the needs of the disciplines.
4. Discussion followed regarding the nature and composition of the proposed Freshman Seminar courses. Some topics were suggested for inclusion in the seminar course: History of the University, Aggie Pride compact, and value of a university education (mentioning statistics on how many don't have access to education).
5. IT was agreed that the proposed curriculum and cluster themes would be presented to the first faculty Senate meeting in January for approval.
6. The next meeting of the executive committee will be on Wednesday Jan 12, 2005 in Dowdy 311.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 AM

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