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Roundtable Meeting Aug 26, 2005 Minutes

The University Studies (UNST) Faculty Roundtable met on Friday Aug 26, 2005 in the Library at 10:00 AM. The following attended the meeting: Robert Davis, Joseph Graves, Scott Simkins, DeRome Dunn, Devdas Pai, Trent Larson, Millicent Brown, Mary Wall, Tracy Hanner, Deborah Callaway, Sanjiv Sarin.

- I. A protocol for theme-based course certification was approved (see attachment A). Every course within each theme cluster will be certified based on satisfactory documentation as indicated in the attached checklist.
- II. The following people were asked to contact specified departments to obtain this information for the courses that are currently associated with the theme clusters (see attachment B):
 - Hanner: Agriculture courses
 - Brown: History, Geography, Philosophy courses
 - Larson: Education courses
 - Wall: Nursing courses
 - Davis: Sociology, Political Science, Psychology courses
 - Sarin: English courses
- III. A student will be allowed to change his/her theme cluster at most once.
- IV. Roundtable members will communicate with each other to decide their regular meeting schedule.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.

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ATTACHMENT A

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University
University Studies

Theme-Based Course Certification
Protocol Checklist

Course # & Title: _____

Department(s): _____

Primary Contact Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone Number: _____

Theme-based Cluster: _____

UNST Goals Covered (*at least 2 of 4 must be covered*)

- Effective written and oral communication of ideas
- Broad-based critical-thinking skills
- Appreciation for diverse cultures
- Social Responsibility and Civic Engagement

Validation of Items Attached

- Detailed Syllabus
- Verification of no prerequisites or corequisites
- Assessment (*--formative & --summative*)
- Interdisciplinary Content/Instruction
- Portability to multiple sections
- Letter from Department Chairperson Indicating Willingness to Offer Course as UNST Elective at least two sections every academic year
- Memorandum from Faculty Round Table Indicating Certification of Course has been completed

UNST Dean's Signature: _____ Date: _____

ATTACHMENT B

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University University Studies

Theme-Based Course List

Science + Technology = Progress?

Courses in this cluster will help students understand the complex relationships between scientific discovery, technological advance, and societal change. In addition, students will debate the ethical implications of contemporary scientific research, examine how technology is portrayed in literature and the arts, and evaluate the frequently made claim that better science and technology lead to better lives.

AGEN 216 Geographic Information Systems in Engineering and Natural Resources (137)

COMP 390 Social Implications of Computing (475)

ENGL 206 Film and Culture (175)

ENGL 231 World Literature II

ENGL 331 Writing for Science and Technology (176)

ENGL 336 Postcolonial Novel

HIST 307 Historical Origins of Environmental Crises (200)

PHIL 266 Contemporary Moral Problems

POLI 410 Public Policy and Technology (236)

POLI 448 Politics of Transportation (237)

SOCI 473 Introduction to Population Studies (252)

SOWK 415 Medical Sociology (254)

Energy, Environment and Justice

Courses in this cluster will examine the role of energy in both local and world economies - how energy issues often intersect and collide with political power, social relationships, and economic development. In addition, this cluster will explore how decisions surrounding energy and environmental issues affect social justice within communities, across the country, and around the world.

AGEC 300 Principles of Rural Sociology (94)

AGEN 216 Geographic Information Systems in Engineering and Natural Resources

EASC 201 The Earth-Man's Environment (138)

GEOG 200 Principles of Geography (206)

GEOG 322 Economic Geography (206)

HIST 435 Global History since 1945 (203)

PHIL 308 Culture and Value (207)

POLI 250 Introduction to Public Policy (235)

POLI 410 Public Policy and Technology (236)

POLI 415 Environmental Policy (236)

POLI 448 Politics of Transportation (237)

SOCI 200 Introduction to Anthropology (254)

SOCI 300 Topics in Cultural Anthropology (254)

Community and Conflict (Preparation for Peace)

Courses in this cluster help students better understand the factors that lead to conflict, and its resolution, at the local, national, and international level. Special attention will be paid to how people of different backgrounds reach peaceful solutions to difficult problems. Students will also be given opportunities to learn mediation and conflict resolution skills as part of their

experience in this cluster.

ENGL 336 Postcolonial Novel

HIST 203 North Carolina A&T State University: A Legacy of Social Activism (198)

HIST 312 History of Religions (200)

HIST 332 The Modern Middle East (200)

HIST 336 20th and 21st Century Women Activists of the World

HIST 417 Colonialism and Slavery in Latin America and the Caribbean (202)

HIST 418 Conflict and Change in Post-Colonial Latin America and the Caribbean (202)

HIST 461 History of the New South (204)

PHIL 260 Introduction to Philosophy (207)

POLI 446 Politics of the Americas (237)

POLI 448 Politics of Transportation (237)

SOCI 406 Criminology (251)

SOWK 413 The Community (251)

Health, Lifestyles and the Human Condition

Courses in this cluster introduce students to the behavioral foundations of healthy lifestyles. Courses will also explore the impact of advances in biotechnology, medical research, medical ethics and the operation of the healthcare system on the human condition. Special attention is paid to health and lifestyle issues affecting women, the elderly, and the African American community.

HEFS 135 Food & Man's Survival (119)

PHED 219 Human Sexuality

PHED 221 Health & Wellness in the 21st Century

NURS 305 Nutrition for Healthy Lifestyles

NURS 315 Issues in Women's Health

NURS 415 Health Care in a Global Society

PHIL 266 Contemporary Moral Problems

PSYC 320 General Psychology (242)

SOCI 304 Social Aspects of Human Sexuality (251)

SOCI 308 Sociology of Marriage and the Family (251)

SOWK 370 Aging in Society (254)

SOWK 409 Disability and Employment (252)

SOWK 415 Medical Sociology (254)