

Keystone Minutes
11-22-02

Present: Gary O'Malley, Pat Arnold, Michael Sondgeroth, Mike Virlee, Mark Feaster, Janeice Ives, Paul Baker, Jim Kelly, Barb Bills, Diane Walker, Peggy Scott.

1. Gary talked about the School Partnerships document, a priority for the College of Education and Dean Ashby. The committee examined and responded to the "next steps" on the back page of the document, which refers to all activities dealing with ISU education students outside the campus. Members noted that expectations of time and resources need to be realistic, and that problems continue in the sequencing of C&I activities with methods classes. Also note that there are no Professional Development School models at the secondary level.
2. Members reacted positively to the manner in which UHS faculty are being asked to attend Academic Senate meetings.
3. Concerns with summer school staffing and curriculum were raised. Do we hire teachers based on degree and experience, department affiliation and seniority? How much of our summer school program is controlled by the Regional Office of Education? What does the College of Education expect or demand in terms of curriculum? Are the enrollment cutoff dates realistic? The following action was taken: 1) Gary will work with Jim Kelly to articulate current staffing and curriculum practices regarding summer school. 2) Diane Walker and Mike Sondgeroth will look at curriculum issues.
4. More than 125 U-High students are enrolled in courses elsewhere to generate high school credits. While the issue has been discussed by department chairs, Keystone raises the following questions: Are departments aware of the number of students taking their courses elsewhere? Are students using this method to get the course they want when they want it and with the teacher they want? Are students taking what's good for their education? Why are we not seeing ISU "green forms" and HCC "yellow forms?" Is the IVHS program working against us in some ways?

Gary reminded us that he wants to maintain flexibility in scheduling courses for students and teachers but also needs to maintain some control. Pat Arnold agreed that we need to "get a grip" on the situation.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 a.m.
Barb Bills, secretary