

University High School Keystone Council Meeting

December 1, 2010

1:00 pm, Library Conference Room

In attendance: Kim Rojas, Diane Walker, Andy Davis, Shyla Anderson, Michelle Panizzi, Dixie Lewis, Steve Evans, Mark Feaster, Courtney O'Connor, Jeff Hill, Andrea Market (2010-2011 Council)

Absent: Tom Holbrook

Approval of November Minutes: Shyla motioned to approve the minutes. Diane seconded.

I. Informational Items

B. Clinical Experiences – (Kim and Diane reported)

- Met November 3rd
- Has feedback from technology survey – overall positive feedback
 - Suggestions: give a better description of the sessions, include a session on the net books in general
- A 2-point deduction (from initiative section) will be the punishment if a student did not attend a session
- Amy Adkins did not attend the meeting
- Some wording was changed on summative evaluation form “other” category, this form will be ready for next semester

D. School Development – (Jeff reported)

- Met November 30th
- Bob Fitzgerald talked about the proposal to add a ½ year Civics Course requirement
 - Either semester of Junior Year
 - Discussion of placement in Freshman program – not the best option because students have similar content in 8th grade, and the topics are better for older kids
 - Discussed schools that require more than 2 credits (Bloomington and Naperville); sometimes the credits include civics, sometimes just more than 2 credits
 - A number of universities require 3 for admission (some schools require 4)
 - Working to collect information about how many of our students have taken 3 credits over the last three years
- Question – How many classes are semester long classes? Would students have to take another social science or could they take a course in another department
 - There are Science, English, Technology, and Business courses that are a semester long
- Jeff – Keystone needs to think about whether or not is requiring civics for every student good policy; logistics would need to get figured out later
- Diane – Keystone does need to consider the domino effect as far as course requirements

- Andy – final exam would be the Constitution test that is required by law, we are not currently meeting what the law is requiring for the Constitution test by having it in American History; we cannot find information about how many state high schools require a government course
- Diane – clarification – the only change from last year’s proposal is that it is now a semester instead of a yearlong course
- Faculty who are concerned about this should serve on the school development committee

I. Diversity – (Kim reported)

- Will meet on Friday December 3rd
- Will discuss data from survey
- Will make decisions based on survey

II. Other Information or Reports:

- Special election: Will be held in January to fill Michelle Panizzi’s position on the Keystone Council while on Maternity Leave
 - Bylaws state that special election needs to be held for leave of absence
 - Diane will do this in January

III. Discussion Items:

1. Schedule A modifications

- Faculty survey data (35 respondents)
 - 57% (20) in favor of moving to Friday; 43% (15) in favor of moving to Monday
 - 86% (30) in favor of including the 7:00 class; 14% (5) not in favor of including the 7:00 class
- Committee decided to make a recommendation based on faculty response

IV. Action items:

- Diane motioned to recommend to move schedule A to Friday and include 7:00 class. Dixie seconded. All members present were in favor of this motion.

Move to Adjourn: Diane made a motion to adjourn. Andy seconded.

The next Keystone meeting: Wednesday, January 5 at 1:00pm.

Submitted by:

Michelle, 2010-2011 Keystone Council Secretary