

**GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting: October 3, 1996**

**PRESENT:** Charlie Bicak, Peg Camp, Herbert Craig, Jeanne Cutler, Allan Jenkins, Dick Jussel, Jim Miller, Glen Powell, Kim Schipporeit, Lee Snyder, Judy Willett, Dave Anderson

**ABSENT:** Mark Eifler

**VISITORS:** Dr. Wubbels

**Chair, Allan Jenkins, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., in the Warner Conference Room.**

**A. The September 5, 1996 minutes were approved via E-mail on September 9, 1996.**

**B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Writing Intensive Subcommittee:**

**Chair, Charlie Bicak, distributed a memorandum with the following recommendations. Bicak recommended the following be approved by the Council:**

- **CHEM 480 - Physical Chemistry (Carl Sterner)**
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- **CJUS 415 - Correctional Casework (Dennis Lund)**
- **ECON 314 - Public Finance (Gordon Blake)**
- **ECON 340 - History of American Business & Business Persons (Gordon Blake)**
- **JMC 310 - Communications Law (Carol Lomicky)**
- **SOSC 370 - Social Science of the High School (Karen Eifler) \*\*\*Charlie Bicak (Powell) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried.**

**2. Cultural Diversity Subcommittee:**

**Herbert Craig, in the absence of the Subcommittee Chair, recommended the following courses be approved by the Council:**

- **CJUS 375 - Comparative Criminal Justice Systems (Inherently CD)**
- **VOED 434 - Introduction to Students with Special Needs (Elsie Cafferty)**

**The following courses were submitted for approval of additional instructors. The courses are as follows:**

- **ENG 251 - Introduction to Literature: American Literature (Robert Luscher)**
- **HIST 250 & HIST 251 - American History (Thomas Clark)**

**\*\*\*Herbert Craig (Camp) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried.**

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#### **D. OLD BUSINESS:**

- 1. Update on Subcommittee Restructuring:**  
The Deans have submitted their suggestions for the Subcommittees. Within the next few weeks, the Subcommittees should be formed.
- 2. Update on Development of Specific Criteria:**  
The September 16, 1996 assessment workshop with the Chairs went very well. Individual departments will schedule open discussions by the end of October.
- 3. Discussion of General Studies Annual Goals:**  
Assessment and the expansion of WI courses are some of the main goals of the General Studies Council this year. The Council would like to have at least one WI course in every department.

#### **E. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Judy Willett - Course Waiver Issues:**  
Judy Willett had two questions: 1) How is a waiver made? 2) What guidelines or things are considered? In the discussion that followed, Kim Schipporeit noted the General Studies Council had started to develop a procedure, but it had not been completed. Copies of the existing draft will be distributed at the next meeting.
- 2. Richard Jussel - Honors Program CD/WI Strategy:**  
Dick Jussel distributed a handout on the guidelines for honors courses. Jussel reported that there are no honors courses approved as WI, and all honors courses meet the WI criteria. Jussel would like the Council to approve all honors courses as inherently WI. Jussel, along with WI Subcommittee Chair (Glen Powell), will compile a list of instructors that will be teaching these courses and submit the list for approval at the next meeting.
- 3. David Anderson - Liberal Arts Accreditation Information:**  
Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, David Anderson, and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Dr. Wubbels, introduced material relating to the American Academy for Liberal Education. General Studies Council members were encouraged to share this information and gather comments from the campus on this issue.

#### **F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Jenkins distributed a memorandum concerning the General Studies response to Faculty Senate's position relating to the inclusion of 300 and 400 level courses in the General Studies program. Jenkins asked the Council to review the handout so this issue can be discussed at the next meeting.

#### **G. NEXT MEETING:**

**Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m., reminding the Council that the next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 1996, at 3:30, in the Warner Conference Room.**