

GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting: September 3, 1998

PRESENT: Dave Anderson, Charlie Bicak, Peg Camp, Jeanne Cutler, Jim German, Connie Hansen, Allan Jenkins, John Lillis, Clint Ludeman, Kim Schipporeit, MargueriteTassi

ABSENT: Mary Daake, Don Envick, Dick Jussel, Sonja Kropp

VISITORS: Mary Barton, Mike Mosher

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

- A. The May 7, 1998 and the August 20, 1998 minutes were submitted to the Council for approval.***Charlie Bicak (Camp) moved to approve both the May and August minutes. Motion carried.**

B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Cultural Diversity Subcommittee:

The following courses were previously approved as CD. Director, Allan Jenkins recommended the following instructors be approved by the Council to teach the course as such.

- PTE 401 - Multicultural Understanding (Inherently CD)**
- SOC 100H - Introduction to Sociology (D. Wsocki)**

2. Writing Intensive Subcommittee:

Jenkins recommended the following courses be approved by the Council for WI designation:

- PSCI 370 - American Foreign Policy (J. Scott)**
- PSY 430 - Memory and Cognition (B. Wozniak)**

The following course was previously approved as WI. Jenkins recommended the following instructor be approved by the Council to teach the course as such.

- PHYS 276GS - General Physics (T. Markes)**
- PHIL 451 - Philosophy in Literature (D. Rozema)**

*****Peg Camp (Hansen) moved to approve the above recommendations as CD and WI. Motion carried.**

Jenkins stated that the Registrar's Office will track the course renumbering process to make sure the CD and WI designation will carry forward with the new course number.

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D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Informational Presentations:

- . Calibrated Peer Review Writing Program - Mike Mosher:
Mike Mosher, Chemistry, presented Calibrated Peer Review (CPR) to the GS Council. CPR is a program for networked computers that improves student writing through frequent writing assignments. CPR can reduce the time an instructor spends reading and assessing student writing.**

Mosher indicated that UNK will begin to implement CPR this fall. The following is the implementation plan:

Phase 1: Setup server and software

Deadline: September 15, 1998

Phase 2: Pilot runs of CPR in Chemistry

Fall semester 1999

Phase 3: Run CPR in Chemistry

Spring semester 1999 (All Chemistry courses desiring CPR will use it)

Phase 4: Faculty workshops

Summer 1999

Phase 5: Run CPR at UNK

1999-2000 school year (Campus-wide)

Phase 6: Pilot, then run CPR area-wide

Summer 1999 and '99 school year

a. Information Literacy- Mary Barton:

Mary Barton, Library, presented the "Information Literacy" goal to the GS council. Information Literacy is a set of minimum standards of general information literacy as well as a standard of information literacy appropriate to each student's major and require that all graduates meet these standards. Information literacy is defined as "the ability to locate, evaluate and use information to become independent lifelong learners."

Barton also stated that this goal was a result of the Wake Forrest Team and the Informational Technology Planning Committee. There are eight goals in the plan.

Jenkins suggested that General Studies member serve on the Information Technology Planning Committee.

b. Six-Trait Writing Rubric - Dennis Potthoff:

Will be discussed at a later General Studies meeting.

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F. OLD BUSINESS:

- 1. Discuss Policy for Submission of New General Studies Courses:**
Council directed Jenkins and Cutler to develop a schedule based upon the printed catalog. The policy will be finalized at the October meeting.
- 2. Discuss 1998-99 GS Program Review - Language and Communication Section:**
Due to the lack of time, this was tabled until the next General Studies meeting.

G. MISCELLANEOUS QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS:

H. NEXT MEETING:

The next General Studies meeting is scheduled for October 1, 1998, at 3:30 p.m., in the Academic Affairs Conference Room, Founders Hall, Room 2122.