

University of Nebraska at Kearney
General Studies Council
Minutes of the April 27, 2006 Meeting
Founders Hall, Room 2147
[Approved 8/17/06]

Present: Glen Powell, Sylvia Asay, Mary Ann Barton, Debbie Bridges, Valerie Cisler, Karin Covalt, Mary Daake, Randall Heckman, Sonja Kropp, Larry Kuskie, Brett Haskell, Marta Moorman, David Rozema, Kim Schipporeit, Linda Spessard-Schueth, Vern Volpe,

Absent: Kenya Taylor, Ed Walker

Guests: Maha Younes, Sandy Cook-Fong, Daryl Kelley

Director of General Studies Glen Powell called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in Founders Hall Room 2147.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 6, 2006.

1. Mary Barton moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2006 meeting of the General Studies Council with a minor correction on page 2. Larry Kuskie seconded the motion, and approval was unanimous.

B. NEW BUSINESS.

1. The request by the Social Work Program to reassign SOWK 170 from Personal Development to Social Perspective has gone through the NSS College Education Committee, and is before the Council for consideration and approval. Professors Maha Younes and Sandy Cook-Fong from the Social Work Program presented their application and answered questions from the Council. Professor Daryl Kelly, Sociology, stated that the Sociology Program Director had signed the form to acknowledge his awareness of the request, but had not notified the Department Chair. Discussion ensued. Powell noted that the NSS Ed Policy Committee and the Dean signed their approval. The authority of program directors in departments appears to be inconsistent. After discussion, the General Studies Council unanimously agreed to move the request forward to the College Education Policy Committees in the four academic colleges for approval.

C. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Mary Barton moved, Randall Heckman seconded, to forward the General Studies Council Governance Document to Senior Vice Chancellor Murray for approval after Chair Powell makes the final revision to the document. Upon vote taken, the Council unanimously approved the motion.

The draft document, Fundamental GS Program Changes that was previously shared with the Committee was discussed. Senior Vice Chancellor Murray wants General Studies Council input before he approves it. Council members were asked to send their suggestions to Dr. Powell who will revise and forward the document to the Senior Vice Chancellor.

2. The General Studies bookmarks and pamphlets are in the process of being printed and will be available for use at Summer Advising and Enrollment, as well as through the First-Year Program. Council members may request copies for their use as well.

D. OTHER:

Glen Powell thanked the Council for their good work and cooperation during his tenure as Chair of the Council.

NEXT MEETING: The next General Studies Council regular meeting will be chaired by Daren Snider. It will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2006, in Founders Hall, Room 2147, at 3:30 p.m.