

**University of Nebraska at Kearney
General Studies Council
Meeting of September 1, 2005
Minutes**

Present: Mary Ann Barton, Debbie Bridges, Peg Camp, Valerie Cisler, Mary Daake, Randall Heckman, Sonja Kropp, Larry Kuskie, Kristi Milks, Marta Moorman, Glen Powell, Kim Schipporeit, Linda Spessard, Marguerite Tassi, Kenya Taylor, Vern Volpe, Ed Walker

Absent: Peg Camp, Maha Younes

Director, Glen Powell, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in room 2122, in Founders Hall.

A. Introduce the General Studies Director and newly appointment members:

Glen Powell has been selected to become the General Studies Director until July 2007.

Linda Spessard, College of Natural and Social Sciences, and Mary Barton, Calvin T. Ryan Library, have been appointed as new members to the General Studies Council.

Sonja Kropp, College of Fine Arts and Humanities, and Marta Moorman, College of Education, have been re-appointed to the General Studies Council.

B. Review, Revise and Approve the April 28, 2005, minutes.

Powell asked the Council for their input on the current format of the General Studies minutes.

*****Debbie Bridges (Kropp) moved to approve Kristi Milks to take the General Studies minutes in general terms. Motion carried.**

The Council suggested:

- 1. To not include attachments in the minutes that are in the draft stage or that have not been formally approved by the Council.**
- 2. To sign and date the minutes.**
- 3. Revised minutes of 4/28/05 to be at October meeting for approval.**

C. CD/WI Course Submissions:

1. Writing Intensive:

CJUS 421 – Criminal Justice Planning and Research (Kurt Siedschlaw)

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The above course and instructors were approved by Powell this summer. Presenting the courses to the Council is merely a formality.

2. Cultural Diversity:

ENG 254 – Introduction to Literature: Special Topics: Non-Western Literature (Nyla Kahn)

SOWK 342 – Human Behavior in the Social Environment II (Kelly Beldin)

The above courses and instructors were approved by Powell this summer. Presenting the courses to the Council is merely a formality.

*****Valerie Cisler (Bridges) moved to approve Powell's approval of the WI and CD courses/instructors.**

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E. Old Business:

1. CD International Credit:

The Council expressed concern about the Academic Affairs Committee and Faculty Senate having formally approved International Experience for CD Credit proposal without the General Studies Council having approved the proposal. Members of Faculty Senate on the Council stated that Academic Affairs and Faculty Senate acted according to their procedures and on good faith regarding the information they were given.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to review the policy approved by the Faculty Senate and provide input to the WI/CD Committee at the October meeting.

2. General Studies Informational Notebooks (distribute and review):

Powell distributed General Studies informational books to the Council members. The book was designed to help new members, etc. Powell asked the Council to review the General Studies Governance which was completed 9-20-02. Powell believes some changes and clarifications can be made on the governance document regarding definition of what constitutes a structural change and a specific listing of change procedures in a manner that is crystal clear to all.

Powell also suggested the Council review and examine the General Studies Academic Program Review in order to facilitate discussion regarding ways to complete analysis and/or implementation of recommendations.

Powell also distributed Assessment Plan notebooks to the Council. Powell suggested the Council may need to meet more than once a month to become more productive. The additional meetings would be held as mini-retreats and the regular monthly General Studies meetings would be business as usual.

The first working meeting is scheduled for September 20, 2005, in room 2122, in Founders Hall. The Council will focus on the Assessment Plan and Powell asked the Council to review Appendix 4.

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G. Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. The next regularly scheduled General Studies meeting will be on October 6, 2005, in Founders Hall, Room 2122 at 3:30.