

**General Studies Council
Minutes of the February 1, 2007 Meeting
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
Approved 3/1/07**

Present: Bethany Albrecht, John Anderson, Sylvia Asay, Mary Ann Barton, Debbie Bridges, Valerie Cisler, Karin Covalt, Mary Daake, Tommy Hansen, Laurence Hilton, Sonja Kropp, Marta Moorman, David Rozema, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, Linda Spessard-Schueth, Vern Volpe

Absent: Kyle Bowers, Jeanne Butler, Larry Kuskie

I. Call to Order

Director of General Studies Daren Snider called the meeting to order on February 1 at 3:30 p.m. in Founders Hall 1000, Warner Conference Room.

II. Approval of Minutes of December 7, 2006 meeting.

Minutes of 12/7/06 were approved as amended without objection.

III. Open issues.

a. Discussion of the LEAP Report from the Association of American Colleges and Universities

Snider and Anderson reported on sessions they attended at the AAC&U 93rd Annual Meeting in New Orleans in January. The LEAP Report contains helpful information for the Council regarding general education, including essential learning outcomes, overall standards, and putting principles into practice.

Discussion ensued about the Roundtable II proposal process and how the General Studies Council should prepare for furthering the work of renewing the General Studies program. There was further discussion about mechanisms that would need to be in place for reviewing course proposals, objectives, and assessment data.

Volpe/Anderson moved that the General Studies Council have a working session to consider course objectives from Phase I of the Roundtable. Motion was approved.

IV.

V. Open Issues.

a. SOWK 170 Proposal

Motion by Anderson/Barton to move Social Work 170 from the Personal Development to Social Perspectives category of General Studies. The chair called for discussion. The vote taken yielded 5 ayes, 6 nays, and the motion failed.

VI. Other.

Snider informed the Council that the GS Governance Document recently approved by the Council was approved by the Senior Vice Chancellor on 2/1/07.

VII. Announcements.

The General Studies APR is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, March 19-20. Names of review team members were solicited from GS Council members and forwarded by the director with his recommendations to the Senior Vice Chancellor. The committee was notified by appointment letter from the SVC.

VIII. Adjournment.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETINGS:The next General Studies Council working session will be held Tuesday, February 13, in the Academic Affairs Conference Room, FNDH 2147, at 3:30 p.m.

The next General Studies Council regular meeting will be Thursday, March 1, 2007, in the Warner Conference Room, FNDH 1000, at 3:30 p.m.