

**University of Nebraska at Kearney  
General Studies Council  
Minutes of the April 26, 2007 Meeting  
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room  
Approved 9/6/07**

**Present: Vijay Agrawal, Bethany Albrecht, Sylvia Asay, Mary Ann Barton, Debbie Bridges, Jeanne Butler, Valerie Cisler, Karin Covalt, Mary Daake, Larry Kuskie, Kim Schipporeit, David Rozema, Daren Snider, Linda Spessard-Schueth, Vern Volpe**

**Absent: John Anderson, Kyle Bowers, Tommy Hansen, Laurence Hilton, Marta Moorman**

- I. Call to Order** Director Daren Snider called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in Founders Hall 1000, Warner Conference Room.
- II. Approval of Minutes of April 5th, 2007 meeting.** Approved without objection.
- III. Reports**  
Motion by Kuskie to suspend the agenda, seconded by Barton.

**Update on assessment of General Studies by Assessment Director Jeanne Butler:**  
During the NCA accreditation visit in 2004, UNK was cited for the need to develop assessment for General Studies, among other things. SVC Murray has pointed out that a focused visit is the last step before losing institutional accreditation. NCA's focused visit team will come in April. They will look closely at departmental and program assessment reports from coming October. If there are problems with departments' assessment plans or reports, they will need to be corrected before NCA comes. Assessment of the GS program is in good shape for the focused visit as long as we continue with our assessment agenda. Standards and objectives need to be addressed for the current GS program. The personal development category, for example, does not currently have concise, functional objectives. Objectives for the capstone, as well as the future of that component of GS, need clarification as well.

- IV. Announcement**  
The GS Council will meet in retreat May 15 & 16 to discuss the capstone and personal development categories of GS.

- V. Adjournment**

**Snider noted that this is the last meeting for Barton, Cisler, and Volpe, and thanked them for their service on the GS Council.**

**NEXT MEETING: The regularly meeting of the General Studies Council will be Thursday, August 23rd, 2007, in the Warner Conference Room, FNDH 1000, at 3:30 p.m.**