

General Studies Council Minutes

March 6, 2008 Meeting – 3:30 pm.

Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room

***** Approved by email 3/27/08 *****

Present: Bethany Albrecht, Sylvia Asay, Jeanne Butler, Karin Covalt, Mary Daake, Tommy Hansen, Laurence Hilton, Sonja Kropp, Larry Kuskie, John Lillis, Carol Lilly, Darleen Mitchell, Marta Moorman, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider

Absent: Vijay Agrawal, John Anderson, Deb Bridges, Linda Spessard-Schueth, Tim Hruza

I. Call to Order

Director Snider called the meeting to order and requested permission to modify the agenda and postpone the report on the AAC&U conference and instead hear from Director of Assessment Jeanne Butler about the upcoming NCA focused visit. No objections.

II. Updates:

- ***NCA Focused Visit:*** The UNK Self-Study has been sent to North Central and is on the Assessment website. The focused visit is April 28 and 29. Reviewers will likely want to meet with the GSC, and Council members should prepare by familiarizing themselves with departmental assessment reports, which are posted on the GS website.

- ***Ethnic Studies 101 proposal:*** Snider advised that the BT educational policy committee is in favor of ETHS 101 being a GS course in Social Perspectives. The NSS educational policy did not support placing ETHS 101 in the Social Perspective (and has concerns about placing it in the GS program at present), but would recommend placing it the Personal Development category instead. Lilly / Lillis moved to disseminate the proposal across campus for discussion and input. Unanimously approved.

III. Open Items:

The guidelines for evaluating Capstone pilot courses were reviewed and accepted by the Council for use during the GS Capstone pilot in fall 2008.

IV. New Business:

Discussion of the GSC governance document will be addressed at a later meeting.

V. Announcements:

Online registration for fall 2008 begins March 31. Council members are encouraged to inform students and colleagues about the pilot Capstone courses offered in fall 2008:

ENGL 490-01	M – 12:20-1:10PM	Kahn N	1.00 cr hr
ENGL 490-02	T – 12:30-1:45PM	Kahn N	2.00 cr hrs
HIST-458 -01	M – 5:30-6:20PM	Volpe V	1.00 cr hr
PSYC 220-01	T – 3:30-4:45PM	Miller R and Wadkins T	1.00 cr hr

VI.

All sections have the topic: *Life in the Global Village*. They also have common course objectives.

VII. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room, FNDH 1000.