

General Studies Council Minutes

February 5, 2009 Meeting – 3:30 p.m.

Founders Hall, Academic Affairs Conference Room

Approved by email 2/19/09

Present: Vijay Agrawal, John Anderson, Sylvia Asay, Debbie Bridges, Mary Daake, Tommy Eshleman, Tommy Hansen, Sherri Harms, Laurence Hilton, Kelly Hoff, Sonja Kropp, Kristi Milks, Darlene Mitchell, Marta Moorman, David Rozema, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, and Ron Wirtz

Absent: Jeanne Butler, Carol Lilly

Guests: Greg Broekemier, Sri Seshadri, Ross Taylor

I. Call to Order:

Director Daren Snider called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Academic Affairs Conference Room, Founders Hall. The council voted to suspend the agenda to consider the BMIS 182 proposal first (see V.a. below) and Other Business (VI. below).

II. Minutes from the December 4, 2008 meeting had been approved via email.

III. Report:

- a. NCA Requirements and General Studies – Jeanne Butler
Tabled until next meeting.**

IV. Open Items:

- a. GS Renewal – Revising Program Level Objectives: The Council will discuss at the next work session.**
- b. GS Renewal – Revising Category Objectives and Course Criteria: The Council will discuss at the next work session.**

V. New Business:

- a. BMIS 182 Proposal: Greg Broekemier, Sri Seshadri and Ross Taylor answered the Council's questions about a proposal for BMIS 182 to become a General Studies course in the Personal Development category. Agrawal/Hansen moved to forward the BMIS 182 proposal to the general faculty for comment in advance of the March 5th GS Council meeting. Motion carried with one abstention.**

VI. Other: GS Capstone Course Pilot, fall 2008

Snider updated the Council on the GS Capstone courses that were taught in the fall 2008 semester. The Faculty enjoyed team teaching the GS Capstone courses. Faculty who participated in the GS Capstone pilot suggested that the GSC not set a theme for the course, but to let departments do that. The Council made initial plans for implementing the GS Capstone in departments that choose to participate.

The next GS work sessions are Thursdays, February 12, 19 and 26, 3:30 p.m., Sisler Room, Otto Olsen.

VII. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 2009, 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room, FNDH 1000.