

**General Studies Council Minutes**  
**March 5, 2009 Meeting – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room**  
**Approved via email 3/20/09**

**Present:** Vijay Agrawal, John Anderson, Sylvia Asay, Tommy Eshleman, Tommy Hansen, Sherri Harms, Laurence Hilton, Kelly Hoff, Sonja Kropp, Carol Lilly, Kristi Milks, Darlene Mitchell, Marta Moorman, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, and Ron Wirtz

**Absent:** Debbie Bridges, Jeanne Butler, Mary Daake, David Rozema

**Guests:** Rick Miler and Scott Darveau

**I. Call to Order:**

Director Snider called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Warner Conference Room, Founders Hall.

**II. Minutes from the February 5, 2009, meeting had been previously approved via email.**

**III. Open Items:**

**a. BMIS 182 Proposal:**

After discussion of comments about this proposal from faculty across campus, Harms/Agrawal moved to approve adding BMIS 182 as a General Studies course in the Personal Development Category. Motion carried.

**b. GS Renewal – Revising Program Level Objectives:**

The Council discussed in detail changing the wording on program level objective four to read “Analyze cultural issues within an intercultural context.” Eshleman/Agrawal moved to approve the revised wording. Motion carried. The program level objectives will now be sent out to the campus for feedback.

**c. Capstone Implementation (pilot) Phase I Document:**

The Council will discuss at the next work session.

**IV. New Business:**

- a. **Modes of Inquiry Courses in General Studies – Rick Miller and Scott Darveau:**  
Rick Miller and Scott Darveau discussed with the Council various ways to incorporate the Modes of Inquiry courses from the Roundtable document. The Council agreed that such courses could be proposed and like accepted as options for students in breadth distribution categories. For example, Modes of Inquiry—Sciences could be an option for students to take in the Natural Sciences category of a renewed General Studies program.

**V. Other:**

- a. **Subcommittee Assignments for Portal Course:**  
It was determined to work on objectives for the Portal course as a full council.

There will be two additional formal General Studies meetings on Thursday, March 12 and Friday, March, 13, 4:00 p.m.

**VI. Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2009, 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room, FNDH 1000.**