

General Studies Council Minutes
April 7, 2011 – 3:30 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
Approved via email 6/15/11

Present: Sylvia Asay, Debbie Bridges, Kim Elliott, Tommy Eshleman, Tommy Hansen, Daryl Kelley, Sonja Kropp, Kristi Milks, Jan Moore, Marta Moorman, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, Ron Wirtz

Absent: Jeanne Butler, Mary Daake, Katie Hall, Ralph Hanson, Sherri Harms, Ron Konecny, Darlene Mitchell, Ken Trantham

Guests: Nita Unruh, Maha Younes

NOTE: There was not a quorum. The council became a committee of the whole, and actions will go to the full GSC for final vote via email.

I. Call to Order:

a. Approve Agenda:

Director Snider called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved without objection.

II. Open Items:

a. Using CAAP Math Test as Math Assessment:

The GSC proposed to the Math department that the CAAP math test be used for General Studies assessment. It would be administered in MATH 102 courses every three years, similar to how the CAAP critical thinking and essay writing tests are currently administered. The council will wait for comment from the Math department.

b. Revised Portal Rubric:

The revised Portal rubric was reviewed. It will go to the full GSC for final vote.

III. New Business:

a. Democracy Rubric/Democracy Revised Outcomes:

The democracy rubric was reviewed. It will be sent to the full GSC for a vote to approve sending it to the general faculty for input.

b. Course Submission:

ART 121 (Democracy): Artistic Freedom, Censorship and Controversy in a Democratic Society:

This course is being returned for lack of a required reading in democracy and outcomes not being fully addressed in the application.

ECON 388 (Capstone): Morality of Capitalism

The full GSC will vote on this proposal to approve sending it to the general faculty for input.

c. Course Numbering Issue in General Studies:

PE 150/160:

PE 160 was in the old GS program. PE 150 is essentially the same course, and is in the new GS program. It was decided that any student who is on the Fall 2010 catalog will be able to use PE 160 (or its equivalent in transfer) as a substitute for PE 150 in the current GS program.

SOWK 335 (Distribution):

Because of a reciprocal agreement with the social work program at UNO, UNK's upper division SOWK courses need to be renumbered to be at the 400 level. This means that SOWK 335, currently in the new GS program, would be renumbered to SOWK 415. The motion will go the the full GSC that SOWK 355, if renumbered to be a 400 level course, be removed from the new GS program.

IV. Other:

VI. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, April 28, 2011, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.