General Studies Council Minutes  
April 28, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.  
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room  
*** Approved via e-mail ***

Present: Debbie Bridges, Derrick Burbul, Tim Farrell, Kay Hodge, Daryl Kelley, Katherine Kime, Martha Kruse, Kristi Milks, Tami Moore, Amy Rundstrom, Kim Schipporeit, Beth Wiersma, Ron Wirtz

Absent: Julie Agard, Greg Brown, Joel Cardenas, Steve Hall, Jan Moore, Kenya Taylor

Guest: Deborah Freedman, David Rozema, Daren Snider, Sam Umland

New Members: Miechelle McKelvey, Hector Palencia

I. Call to Order:
Kelley/Burbul moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

1. Approve Agenda:
Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes from the April 3, 2016 meeting were approved via email.

II. Old Business (Open Items):
Hodge/Brown moved to approve the three courses below. Motion carried.
Kime/Hodge made a friendly amendment to approve each course separately. Motion carried.

1. Course Proposals (Review for Final Approval):
    a) MUS 388 – Historical and Cultural Influences on Music Around the World (Department: Music; Instructor: Deborah Freedman).
       Kruse/Kime moved to vote via paper ballot. Motion failed 4-5.

    b) HUM 100 – Introduction to Humanities (Proposer: FAH Dean (no department, since it is interdisciplinary; Contact person: Daren Snider).
       Kruse/Kime moved to vote via paper ballot. Motion failed 4-5.

    c) HUM 300 – Modes of Inquiry – Humanities (Proposer: FAH Dean (no department, since it is interdisciplinary; Contact person: Daren Snider).
       Kruse/Kime moved to vote via paper ballot. Motion failed 3-6.

III. New Business:
1. Course Proposals (New): None

2. Assessment and GS Program:
a. **Review of Assessment Reports for Fall 2015 (Democracy, Natural Science, A&Q Thought, and Wellness).**
   Additional results were received and Bridges updated the report.
   Kelley/Wirtz moved to approve sending the report to campus. Motion carried.

b. **List of Courses Selected for Assessment Fall 2016 (Written and Oral Communication).**
   Written Communication and Oral Communication courses (Foundational Core) are scheduled to be assessed in Fall 2016. The list of courses that will be assessed are as follows:
   
   - **ENG 102:** Section 1; Section 3; Section 5; and Section 7
   - **SPCH 100:** Section 1; Section 4; Section 6; Section 15; and Section 17
   - **ITEC 290:** Section 1; Section 3; and Section 6
   Kelley/Farrell moved to approve the course selection. Motion carried.

3. **Faculty and Student Surveys:**
   The Council will discuss more in the fall.

IV. **Other:**

1. **Changes in GS Courses from FS Academic Affairs Committee:**
   a. **DANC 122GS:** Dance Appreciation – Course Description Change.
   b. **PHYS 210GS:** Astronomy – Adding a Pre-requisite of MATH 102.

V. **Adjournment:**
   Wiersma/Burbul moved to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Motion carried.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.