

UNK FACULTY SENATE MEETING AGENDA

7 PM – October 5, 2017

Health Science Education Complex, Room 104

Faculty Senate Website:

http://www.unk.edu/committees/faculty_senate/index.php

I. Call to order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Agenda

IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes: **07SEPTEMBER17**

V. Special Presentations

- A. **Mary Chinnock Petroski** - Chief Compliance Officer and
Neal Schnoor - Senior Advisor to the Chancellor
- B. **Gilbert Hinga** – Dean of Students Affairs & Co-Chair of Chancellor’s Equity, Access, and
Diversity Advisory group
- C. **Jane Peterson**, Director of Academic Support Services

VI. Reports of Faculty Senate Standing Committees

- A. Oversight Committee:
- B. Executive Committee:
- C. President’s Report:
- D. Academic Affairs: **21SEPTEMBER17**
- E. Academic Freedom and Tenure Committee:
- F. Academic Information and Technology Committee:
- G. Artists and Lecturers Committee:
- H. Athletic Committee:
- I. E-campus Committee:
- J. Faculty Welfare Committee:
- K. Grievance Committee:
- L. Library Committee:
- M. Professional Conduct Committee
- N. Student Affairs Committee:

VII. Reports of Senate Representatives to Non-Senate Committees

- A. Assessment Committee:
- B. Women, Gender and Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee: **19APRIL17; 20SEPTEMBER17**
- C. International Studies Advisory Council: **31AUGUST17**

- D. Parking:
- E. Safety Committee:
- F. World Affairs Conference Committee

VIII. Reports from Academic Councils

- A. Graduate Council:
- B. General Studies Council: **07SEPTEMBER17**
- C. Council on Undergraduate Education:
- D. Student Success Council:
- E. Equity, Access, and Diversity Committee

IX. New Business

- A. Proposed DACA statement
- B. Special Rule Order Motion
- C. Update on Executive Committee - Chancellor's Cabinet October 3, 2017
- D. Discussion

X. Unfinished Business

XI. General Faculty Comments

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XI. Adjournment

UNK FACULTY SENATE MEETING MINUTES

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- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call:

At Large Senators

- *Present:* Mollenkopf, Rohrer
- *Absent:*

CBT Senators

- *Present:* Larsen, Porter, Agrawal, Trewin
- *Absent:*

COE Senators

- *Present:* Abbey, Gaskill, Hoehner, Moore, Mims,
- *Absent:*

CFAH Senators

- *Present:* May, Dettman, Clark, White, Van Renen
- *Absent:*

CNSS Senators

- *Present:* Davis, Miller, Koffi, Thomas, Reichart, Reece, Sogar, Strain, ,
Wulf-Ludden, Borchard
- *Absent:* Louishomme

Library Senators

- *Present:* Weisse
- *Absent:*

III. Approval of Agenda

Senator Davis proposed an amendment to adjust part of the agenda to have an election so the new senator could be seated before moving on to the special presentations and other agenda items.

--- Approved

Senators voted Sogar to replace Christina Faimon.

IV. Action on Faculty Senate Minutes: **APRIL17**

Approved with the following amendments: Abbey was present at the April meeting; Senator Rohrer offered the correct pronunciation of his last name. Senator Strain clarified that she was absent, not present at the April meeting.

Having a motion and a second, the minutes were approved.

V. Special Presentations

A. **Dr. Charlie Bicak** – Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Students Affairs

Dr. Bicak began his presentation by thanking FS for the opportunity to be at the meeting and speak to the group. He thanked senators for their engagement on Faculty Senate on behalf of the administration.

Dr. Bicak continued his talk on key points related to changes that will forward academic advances in ways genuinely transformational. The UNK strategic plan emphasizes four goal areas, with Academic Quality being the first and the focus of the presentation.

Dr. Bicak discussed the three significant and closely connected academic themes that will unfold over the course of the year; the integration of FAH and NSS to form the College of Arts & Sciences, the evaluation of the General Studies Program and the establishment of Experiential Learning as our Quality Initiative as an institution accredited by the HLC.

He clarified that while he could answer some questions, many fit within the purview of the faculty; i.e. determination of promotion and tenure guidelines as they mesh across FAH and NSS, curricular decision making regarding GS and the nature of the EL in relation to expectations across campus. He expects to solidify the planning process for the FAH/NSS integration soon.

He emphasized the importance of recognizing differences and similarities across disciplines. He mentioned the merging process will be inclusive utilizing as many voices as possible through committee work and consultation.

The timeline includes the formation of a transition team, committee structures such as a committee to look at bylaws and constitution; another committee might be retention and promotion/tenure. Another possible committee might be a curriculum committee to identify differences and similarities and ways to make this process work.

By January the hope is to have potential candidates for the new position.

Jeremy inquired about how can experiential learning that are not necessarily undergraduate research get recognition as alternative ways to demonstrate meaningful learning. Dr. Bicak suggested there are similar cases across campus and more conversation needs to happen to determine what experiential learning tiers should look like.

Senator May asked about reaffirmation of the liberal arts core and how consolidation will assist in that regard. Dr. Bicak suggested that in general terms, an example would be more communication between departments and programs.

Other faculty questions included whether there were templates or models of successful merges that could be used to assist in the process. The merger of UNL college of education was cited as a successful example or model.

Senator White asked about what the administrative hierarchy or structure for the new college will look like. Dr. Bicak didn't have a definite answer at this point.

Dr. Bicak concluded his presentation by stating that he would be pleased to return to a Faculty Senate meeting, attend a committee meeting or be available in an ad hoc capacity to assist with the ongoing planning with the three initiatives. He expects these initiatives to be topic of discussion at the ongoing standing Faculty Senate Exec meetings.

B. Mary Chinnock Petroski - Chief Compliance Officer

Mary's presentation was moved to the next Faculty Senate meeting in October.

C. Lee McQueen – Director of Facilities

Lee McQueen began his presentation by thanking for the opportunity to talk about the ongoing projects around campus such as University Village, Village Flats, and the STEM building. Other developments included renovations in the Student Union which will add Chicken File and a Starbucks. These are expected to be open as soon as possible.

University village will include Village Flats and the new child development center. Village Flats will offer alternative housing to students. Village flats is expected to be completed in the fall of 2018. The intention of the Village Flats was to update housing opportunities.

The new replacement for Otto Olsen is expected to complete by October of 2019. The STEM building is a very complex project due to programs that will be housed in the building.

Another project underway is the improvement of the southeast corner of the campus to try to make it safer. At one point in time UNK and the City of Kearney proposed a roundabout but it was declined. Instead they are going to rework the curbs and change access in that area.

Lee shared many pictures and concepts of these developments on the UNK campus and answered many questions faculty had.

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IX. New Business

- A. Oversight Committee: Elections

Senator Davis reminded the upcoming selection of the members of Faculty Senate standing committees and encouraged senators to review the committees and submit names to be voted on at the October meeting.

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Several senators expressed concerns about mixed messages regarding faculty involvement in recruitment efforts. There seems to be confusion as far as who can and cannot recruit and why. President Bounds seems to be OK with faculty recruiting. In fact, he encouraged faculty to do so.

Faculty also seemed concerned about circumstantial evidence that the other campuses are taking our potential students since the University began using the new student application system. Are our potential students being taken by UNL and UNO?

Adjournment

**Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
Committee Minutes from Meeting
Thursday, September 21, 2017**

FNDH 2147

Present: Cami West (COE), Kurt Siedschlaw (CNSS), Kay Hodge (CBT), Debbie Bridges (CBT), Ralph Hanson (CFAH), Daniel May (Faculty Senate), Rochelle Krueger (Library), Joel Cardenas (Academic Publications), Kim Schipporeit (Registrar), Kenya Taylor (Admin.)

Guests: Scott Darveau (CNSS), Tim Obermier (CBT)

Chair Bridges called the meeting to order (almost on time) at 3:34.

Dan May moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Rochelle Krueger. Motion carried. And into the fray we go!

Chair Bridges elected to have the guests speak in order of the agenda.

Dr. Tim Obermeir spoke to item #1 (Create, Department, Cyber Systems, CBT):

Dr. Obermier related to the Committee that this relates to creating a new department by bringing several departments in the College of Business and Technology together. This is an efficient move and reduces confusion for students. This is part of the reorganization that is taking place in the College.

Dr. Scott Darveau spoke to items #2 (Alter, Course, Prerequisites, CHEM 480, Physical Chemistry) and #3 (Create, Course, CHEM 482, Physical Chemistry for the Life Sciences):

Dr. Darveau pointed out that the changes to CHEM 480 are due to changes being made to the existing Chemistry Major programs. CHEM 480 will be offered in the fall of odd years only. CHEM 480 and CHEM 481 offer an in-depth study. CHEM 482 is being created to better serve the students in the Health Sciences programs and those students interested in getting a broad survey of Physical Chemistry.

Ralph Hanson moved approval of #1-#4 and Daniel May seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Cami West/Rochelle Krueger moved adjournment at 3:46; and thus ended our extraordinarily long agenda.

Respectfully submitted Kay

Hodge,

Approved via email (September 26, 2017)

2017-2018 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

NUMBER, REQUEST, LEVEL, SPECIFIC REQUEST, DEGREE/COURSE, PROGRAM/COURSE, TITLE, DEPT, COL, REASON

#1, Create, Department, Cyber Systems, CBT, This request is to create a new department to be held within the College of Business and Technology that merges the Computer Science & Information Technology Department with the Information Networking and Telecommunications program and the Management Information Systems program.

#2, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, CHEM 480, Physical Chemistry, CHEM, CNSS, Because of changes to PHYS 275/276 offering schedule, changes had to be made to existing Chemistry Major programs. Not all programs with CHEM480 require PHYS 275, so option of PHYS 205 as pre-req needed added. In addition, the offering schedule will be fall odd years only; Old Value: MATH 115 and PHYS 275 and PHYS 275L and grade of C or above in CHEM 301 and CHEM 301L; New Value: PHYS 275 OR PHYS 205 and a minimum grade of C in CHEM 301 and in MATH 115.

#3, Create, Course, CHEM 482, Physical Chemistry for the Life Sciences, CHEM, CNSS,

This course is being created to better serve students in the Health Sciences and those interested in getting a broad survey of Physical Chemistry from the Biochemical/Life Science Perspective.

#4, Alter, Course, Prerequisites, MATH 430, Middle School Mathematics, MATH, CNSS, Change the course prerequisite for MATH 430 from MATH 230 or permission to "Either MATH 230, MATH 115, MATH 202, or MATH 260." This will allow our 6-12 math endorsement students to take MATH 430 without being permitted into the class. Effectively, the course prerequisite is to have completed the general studies mathematics requirement. Nothing else about this course is changing; Old Value: MATH 230 or permission of instructor; New Value: Either MATH 230, MATH 115, MATH 202, or MATH 260.

Women's, Gender and Ethnic Studies Advisory Council (WGE)

MINUTES

April 19, 2017

History Conference Room (104 Coph)

Present: Campbell, Strain, Bice, Tillman, Hill, Weisse, Lewis, Luethke, Weekley (student rep), Van Ingen (chair).

Absent: Loughrin, Louishomme, Beissel-Heath, Chau, Mueller, Mocarski, Schardt/Hof.

Van Ingen called the meeting to order at 4:15pm.

A. WGSAC Minutes -- minutes from February 15, 2017, were approved (Tillman/Campbell).

B. Advisory Board – Van Ingen reported that Lorna Bracewell (Political Science) and Michelle Warren (Modern Languages) will be joining the advisory board in Fall 2017.

C. No Limits 2017 Report (Kearney on March 10, 2017). Van Ingen thanked those who helped with the conference, and had the following report:

- 33 students presented papers (35 were scheduled); 29 students (including 5 groups) presented 13 posters.
- Dr. Abby Ferber presented her talk, “The Politics of Hate: From the Mainstream to the Far Right,” to an audience of about 200 people (students, faculty, community members).
- Complimentary lunch was served to 64 people.
- Total costs fell below budget.
- Grant Pearce, UNK alumni and photographer, took photographs; they will be posted on webpage.
- UNK will host the conference again in 2020.
- Next year's conference will be in Omaha at UNO on Friday, March 9, 2018.

D. Subcommittee for Advisory Board – Governance Document Revisions for WGE: no report (subcommittee consists of Van Ingen, Tillman, Loughrin, Louishomme). Goal is to amend the Governance Document so that it reflects the merger of WGS and Ethnic Studies.

E. Budget: Van Ingen reported that there will be carry-over money from this year's budget. Suggestions were 1) to allocate some of this money to adjunct pay for 2017-2018; 2) to purchase marketing materials for Blue & Gold Day, Summer Academic Advising, other outlets for publicity. Marketing ideas include new brochures (after the new major is approved), pepper spray, iPhone popups, etc.

F. Curricular: Updates

1. New Major: Van Ingen reported that CNSS Ed Policy Committee approved the new major in March and forwarded it on to Academic Affairs Committee, where it is on the Agenda for April 20, 2017.

2.Classes:

a)WSTD 220:

Summer 2017: Van Ingen will teach a new on-line version of this class in the Summer 2017 (on CANVAS; with eCampus support including instructor pay and new class and GS stipend). With this required class now offered online, Van Ingen will look into officially adding the WGS minor to eCampus list of minor degrees.

Fall 2017: Tiffani Luethke will teach the Wednesday night class (6:30p-9:20pm). Lewis is on maternity leave.

Spring 2018: Two sections of WSTD 220 will be scheduled for spring, taught by Luethke (T-Th mornings) and Lewis (Monday nights).

b)ETHS 101: Van Ingen is scheduled to teach this class in fall 2017 Tuesday nights). The goal is to offer it every semester to help build enrollment in the program. The spring 2017 class had 17 students enrolled. Van Ingen is seeking applicants for a GA position to help with the class, with the goal of eventually teaching the class as an adjunct.

c) Course Schedules for summer and fall are posted on WGS webpage.

d) New Elective Course: PSCI 377: Queer Politics (special topics) for fall 2017 (Bracewell). Members reviewed the course description and approved the course as an elective (Lewis/Strain).

e) Enrollment: Van Ingen reported that the number of WGS minors is strong (about 25) but the number of ETHS minors is low (about 2). Members discussed ways to recruit and retain students, including participation at Blue & Gold Day, an "Appreciation Day" for WGE students, sending a card/welcome letter to new WGE students.

3. Library Weisse reported that the Library has purchased a new online collection of primary sources, "Immigration/Migration/Refugees, 1941-1996." It includes recently declassified documents. She also requested that faculty send her syllabi/book lists for Library book purchases (either e-books or paper).

4. Assessment: No report

5. Scholarships for 2017-2018: The scholarship committee needs to meet over the summer to make the awards (Van Ingen, Lewis, Strain).

E. Co-Curricular:

Co-sponsorships:

With International Studies: "Building Bridges Between Religious Communities: Muslim Women and Interfaith Dialogue" with Dr. S. Ayse Kadayif-Orellana (Asst. Professor of Practice at Georgetown University's MA Program in Conflict Resolution). April 6, 2017. WGE cosponsored with \$100.

With History's Phi Alpha Theta, Science Research Honor Society (Sigma Xi), and WGS's Triota: "From 'Silent Spring' to Earth Day and Beyond: A Roundtable Discussion and Documentary Film on the Book that Sparked a Movement" (with faculty panel of Linda Van Ingen, David Vail, Allen Thomas, Jinny Turman, Letty Reichart). April 10, 2017. No cost to WGE.

QSA: Weekley reported that nationally acclaimed poet/activist Katie Wirsing will speak on "gender, love, sexuality, spirituality" at UNK on Thursday, April 27, 2017. Cosponsored by QSA and Women's Center. QSA will also sponsor a drag show at the end of the month.

Post-Election Events: Van Ingen reported that there is a locally organized March for Science on April 22 (Earth Day).

The meeting was adjourned at 5pm (Weisse/Luethke)

Meetings for 2017-2018 (meeting are third Wednesday of month):

September 20 at 4:15pm

October 18

November 15

Women's, Gender and Ethnic Studies Advisory Council (WGE)

MINUTES

Sept 20, 2017

History Conference Room

Present: Bracewell, Strain, Campbell, Loughrin, Bice, Tillman, Warren, Beissel-Heath, Chau, Hill, Weisse, Mueller, Hof, Weekley (student rep), Aguirre (GA), Van Ingen (chair).

Absent: Louishomme (ex-officio), Lewis (maternity leave).

A. Introductions & Tech Tip: Members introduced themselves and shared some good tech advice, especially regarding CANVAS.

B. WGSAC Minutes: Members approved the minutes from April 19, 2017 (Tillman/Hof).

C. Curricular Updates:

1. New Major – Van Ingen reported that the SVCASA Bicak signed off on the BA/BS proposals. A completed budget form and letters of support are now needed from the program director and the CNSS dean before the proposal package can be forwarded to Lincoln.

2. New classes for review – for WGS: Members tabled a course proposal pending more information. WGS requires that 50% course content be related to women and/or gender. Also, a statement of criteria needs to be clarified for ETHS electives.

3. COURSE LEAF system – Van Ingen noted that the new system replacing CAP for the Ed Policy/AA course/catalog approval process seems to be more efficient and expeditious than the old system, a plus for WGE/ETHS curriculum development.

4. Advising – Van Ingen promises to have the WGS & ETHS spring course lists ready by Oct 18 for spring advising.

5. Fall enrollments – remain strong for WGE; need to grow for ETHS: 23 WG minors; 3 ETHS minors; WSTD220 – 22 enrolled; ETHS 101 – 11 enrolled.

6. Scholarship committee – will meet to decide on a spring 2018 semester award (Van Ingen; Lewis; Strain)

7. ETHS minor degree change: Members agreed to change the Ethnic Studies minor requirements for electives from “select 15 credit hours from at least two of the three academic groups” which are “Arts & Humanities,” “Natural and Social Sciences,” and “Applied and Professional Studies,” to “Select 15 credit hours from at least two different departments.” Justifications for this change include the pending merger between CNSS and FAH, only two classes listed in the “applied and professional studies” category, and a need to make elective requirements consistent with the WGS minor, which uses the new language. (Warren/Campbell).

D. Sub-committee for Governance Document revision (postponed)

E. Assessment – no reports this year for either WGS or ETHS due to the lack of a senior seminar/capstone research project for minors which was the instrument measured for assessment. The pending new major will require a research component, which will be the instrument for assessing the combined WGS and ETHS programs.

F. Budget: Van Ingen noted that the usual amounts for operating expenses have been allocated for the new fiscal year, but that the remaining balance from last year for both WGS and ETHS did not roll over as anticipated due to budget issues not in the director’s control.

G. Library: Weisse reported that the Library is in a trial period of usage with APA Style Central which includes tutorial videos, quizzes, and other enhancements for students and faculty who use APA. The Library also has purchased the Chicago Manual of Style on line, and has three new online archival collections: 1) Immigration and Migration 1945-1995; 2) American Race Relations (including global perspectives); 3) Cold War primary sources (global).

H. Co-curricular:

No Limits 2018 at UNO in Omaha on March 9, 2018 (Friday). CFP is not out yet; WGE will provide van/lodging.

1. ETHS Film night – Aguirre organized the ETHS film night on Sept 19. The film, “La Jaula de Oro (The Golden Dream)” was by co-sponsored by the Hispanic Student Association, History Phi Alpha Theta, International Studies, Locke & Key, Modern Languages, Sociology Club, WGE, and Triota. The event in Cope 140 was successful with a great turnout filling the room to capacity. Locke & Key student leadership presented information on the status of DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), and postcards and a poster were available for signatures of support, to be delivered to Congress as they deliberate the issue. Dr. Aviles and Dr. Van Ingen were on hand following the film to answer questions and lead discussion. The next ETHS sponsored film night is on October 31 with the film “Get Out.”
2. UNK at the World -- Warren is organizing a spring film series relating to “gender fluidity” at the World Theater, sponsored by Modern Languages with support of a Nebraska Humanities Grant. She asked for film suggestions and support from WGS/ETHS. Members will review options at the next meeting. Films will likely show on Tues nights.
3. Women’s Center: Hof reported that the Sexual Assault Awareness Edutainment program on Aug 30 (magician & hypnosis) was very successful with over 300 students attending. October is Dating Violence Awareness month.
4. OMA: Mueller reminded members of the event on Sept 21, “Connecting Langston Hughes’s Poetry to Martin Luther King,” sponsored by the English Dept (Sept 21, NSU Ponderosa 7pm). OMA is also organizing the following events: Slam Poet Elizabeth Acevedo for Hispanic Heritage Month (Oct 4, NSU Ponderosa, 6-8pm); Pink Volleyball for Breast Cancer Awareness (Oct 19); Pronouns & Gender Identity (Oct 24).

5. OSA: Weekley announced the Amateur Drag Show is on Oct 26 (NSU Ponderosa). Free admission; canned food donations will be given to the UNK Big Blue Cupboard food pantry
6. Triota: Weekley, Loughrin, and Van Ingen are exploring new directions for Triota. One option is organizing a series of leadership workshops for student (and faculty). Also, Planned Parenthood is networking with student and community organizations with their GenAction program which organizes around public health issues including the ACA, Title IX, and Nebraska's Title X.
7. Locke & Key: Bracewell announced the upcoming salon event, "Alt-Wha?!?" which is an open discussion about the resurgence of white nationalism and the expanding political spectrum. (Oct 5, NSU Fireside Lounge, 6:30-8:30pm).

(details of all events are listed online at University Calendar <https://www.unk.edu/calendar/index.php>)

The meeting adjourned at 5pm (Mueller/Warren).

Meetings: third Wednesday of month at 4:15pm

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ISAC Minutes

A meeting of the International Studies Advisory Council was held on Thursday Aug 31, 2017 at 3:30 in the Curriculum Classroom of the Library.

Present: Amy Rundstrom, Diana Jones, Ann Marie Park, Megan Hartman, Matt Mims, Sylvia Asay, Michelle Warren. Absent: Will Aviles, Suzanne Maughan, Sri Seshadri

The meeting began with a brief discussion of Assessment: As soon as all Assessment rubrics have been completed and returned to Lilly, she can compile a report. Hopefully then the Council will be able to discuss that report at our September meeting.

Lilly advised the Council that Ann Marie Park will be holding a Study Abroad Fair on Wed Sept 6 from 11-2 in the Ponderosa room of the Nebraska Student Union. Park asked members to urge students to attend and possibly offer extra credit.

Lilly also informed the Council about the new section of the INTS website for Internships

Lilly asked the Council to brainstorm for possible speakers, films, activities for the upcoming year. The Women's, Gender and Ethnic Studies Program has offered to collaborate with us on a speaker or film also.

The Council discussed alternate ways to use the Scholarship funds—for Study Abroad and/or Internships. Lilly will investigate the options available.

The remainder of the meeting was dedicated to a discussion of recruitment ideas including revising the brochure, increased emphasis on employment and internships and efforts to increase the number of minors.

The meeting adjourned at 4:10. The next meeting will be Sept. 28 at 3:30 in the Jennings Room.

**General Studies Council Minutes
September 7, 2017 – 3:30 p.m.
Warner Hall, Warner Conference Room
*** Approved via email *****

Present: Julie Agard, Karl Borden, Greg Brown, Debbie Bridges, Joel Cardenas, Scott Darveau, Tim Farrell, Beth Hinga, Kay Hodge, Katherine Kime, Miechelle McKelvey, Kristi Milks, Tami Moore, Amy Rundstrom, Kim Schipporeit, Kenya Taylor, Rebecca Umland, Beth Wiersma, Ron Wirtz

Absent: Derrick Burbul

Guests: Dr. Charlie Bicak

I. Call to Order:

Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order.

Hodge/Brown moved to approve moving Dr. Bicak to the top of the agenda. Motion carried.

1. Approve Agenda:

Hodge/Brown moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Minutes from the April 27, 2017 meeting were approved via email.

II. Old Business (Open Items):

1. Course Proposals (review for final approval):

MKT 388: Event Planning & Management (Department: Marketing; Instructor: Dustin Favinger).

Brown/Wiersma moved to approve the above course. Motion carried.

III. New Business:

1. Course Proposals (New): None

2. Assessment and GS Program:

a. Update on Assessment for Fall 2017 Math and Democracy in Perspective Courses.

The Council will begin to review the syllabi for these courses. Team assignments listed on Blackboard; review to be completed by the November General Studies meeting.

b. Initial Results from Spring 2017 Portal Course Assessment:

The initial reports are posted in Blackboard and the Council should review, as it will be discussed at the October General Studies meeting.

c. Syllabi Review Feedback (Spring 2017) to Faculty:

The Portal syllabi have been collected and reviewed. Faculty have received the GSC's feedback on their syllabi and informed if revisions / resubmissions were required. All syllabi that needed revisions have been revised and resubmitted.

d. Revised Syllabi Submitted for GSC Review:

The Council discussed the revised syllabi and one syllabi will need further revisions. Bridges requested the Council to review all of the revised/resubmitted syllabi posted on Blackboard and identify if any further actions were necessary.

3. Proposed Plan of Action for 2017/18 AY:

APR Recommendations:

- 1) Reviewing the number of on-line GS courses offered (APR R2)
- 2) Propose coordinating with Director of Assessment to identify appropriate assessment conferences to attend and obtain the necessary resources for attendance (APR R4)
- 3) Propose coordinating with Director of Assessment to develop / establish inter-coder reliability protocols for GS course offerings (APR R10).
- 4) Propose coordinating with Director of Assessment to develop process for longitudinal assessment procedures (APR R11).

Assessment:

- 1) Review / respond to assessment results from spring 2017; and when available, fall 2017.
- 2) Coordinate with Director of Assessment in developing inter-coder reliability protocols and process for longitudinal assessment – see 3 and 4 listed above.
- 3) Propose surveying faculty who have participated in assessment process thus far using instrument developed during the 2016/17 AY.

Darveau/Hodge moved to approve the proposed plan of action for the 2017/18 AY. Motion carried.

IV. Other:

1. Special Guest: SVCASA Bicak:

Bicak welcomed the committee and distributed information regarding the charge to the Council.

Darveau/McKelvey moved to approve the Faculty feedback survey. Motion carried.

Dr. Bicak would like the GSC to undertake an evaluation of the GS Program in terms of best practices, assessment and course alignment with the goals of the program. The evaluation should begin to take place in the fall 2017. The members of the GSC will serve as the liaisons for communication between the colleges and the GSC. In terms of overall program hours, there are several possible scenarios to consider (i.e., 45 hours, 36 hours, 30 hours, 24 hours, and other options). The GSC and each undergraduate college will be preparing a proposal related to changes in General Studies; along with the reasoning behind those proposals. Thus, the GSC will review five scenarios – those from the GSC, CBT, COE, FAH, and NSS. The GSC will assess the scenarios and identify commonalities and differences. There will also be forums, coordinated by the GSC, scheduled at the appropriate time in the spring 2018 to ensure widespread understanding of the intent, goals and progress in the process. Next steps will be identified by the GSC in the spring 2018 in light of the year-long exercise and anticipated GS Program APR during 2018/19 AY.

V. Adjournment:

Hodge/Wiersma moved to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, October 5, 2017, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.

UNK Faculty Senate

September 7, 2017

Special Rules of Order Motion:

Faculty Senate Constitution:

Article IX.A. Special Rules of Order:

The Senate may adopt special rules of order governing the conduct of the Senate Meetings as the first item of business at the first meeting of the Fall Semester. Special Rules of Order may be adopted or amended with a two-thirds vote of those present or a majority vote of all members. Temporary suspension of the Special Rules of Order will require a two-thirds vote of those present.

As the Faculty Senate Constitution requires special rules of order to be the first item of business at the first meeting of the Fall Semester, the FS Executive Committee proposes the following as a special rule of order for the 2017-2018 academic year:

That any resolution, report, document, or other form of request, outside of committee minutes, that is seeking the formal approval of the Faculty Senate by vote, must be submitted in writing at one Senate meeting and will not be voted upon until the next Senate meeting. The purpose of this rule is to provide Senators with ample time to read and review the request, find information about the nature and substance of the request, and have time to consult with their constituents about the upcoming vote.

It is also noted, that Article IX. A. does allow for the temporary suspension of this rule with a two-thirds vote of those present at any Senate meeting if the body concludes that the request, report, document, or other form of request requires immediate attention.

UNK Faculty Senate

October 5, 2017

DACA Statement

The Faculty Senate of the University of Nebraska at Kearney urge the Nebraska delegation to the U. S. Congress to lead the drive to create a permanent solution for the young men and women enrolled in the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. DACA students enrich the cultural, social and economic life of our campus, our communities, the state of Nebraska and our nation. We stand as one with our students, University of Nebraska President Hank Bounds and University of Nebraska at Kearney Chancellor Douglas Kristensen in this appeal.