

GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting: December 5, 1996

PRESENT: Charlie Bicak, Peg Camp, Herbert Craig, Jeanne Cutler, Mark Eifler, Allan Jenkins, Jim Miller, Glen Powell, Judy Willett

ABSENT: Dave Anderson, Dick Jussel, Kim Schipporeit, Lee Snyder

VISITORS: Brian Hill

Chair, Allan Jenkins, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., in the Warner Conference Room.

A. The November 7, 1996 minutes were approved via E-mail on November 19, 1996.

B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Cultural Diversity Subcommittee:

Chair, Mark Eifler, distributed a memorandum with the following recommendations. Eifler recommended the following courses be approved by the Council:

- **ENG 352a - Survey of U.S. Literature I (Robert Luscher)**
- **ENG 102 - Expository Writing II (Susanne George) ***Jim Miller (Powell) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried.**

The following courses have previously been approved as CD, however, they were approved as instructor specific. The courses are by their nature inherently CD, therefore, the courses need to be approved as inherently CD.

- **GEOG 104 - World Regional Geography (Inherently CD)**
- **GEOG 106 - Cultural Geography (Inherently CD)**
- **GEOG 348 - Cultural Geography of Asia (Inherently CD)**

*****Mark Eifler (Camp) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried.**

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3. Writing Intensive Subcommittee:

Chair, Glen Powell, distributed a memorandum with the following recommendations. Powell recommended the following be approved by the Council:

- **MATH 460 - Advanced Calculus (Lutfi Lutfiyya)**
- **MATH 350 - Abstract Algebra (Barton Willis & Randall Heckman)**
- **PHYS 205 & 206 - General Physics I & II (Robert Gerten)**
- **PHYS 205 & 206 - General Physics I & II (Mark Markes)**

The above courses were not approved in October and November due to lack of information. The information has been received and the courses are being submitted to the Council for approval.

*****Jim Miller (Eifler) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried.**

The following courses are recommended for approval by the Council.

- ENG 235H - Reading and Writing about Literature (Michael Benzel & Jim German)
- ENG 304 - Grammar I (Richard Jussel)
- ENG 425 - Children's Literature (Martha Kruse & Elizabeth Peck)
- ENG 426 - Literature for Adolescents (Martha Kruse & Elizabeth Peck)
- HIST 280H - Special Topics - Honors (Michael Benzel & Jim German)
- PE 467 - Fitness Testing (Richard Seip)
- PSCI 382 - Public Opinion and Political Problems (Mary Daake)

***Mark Eifler (Bicak) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried.

There was considerable discussion regarding English 303 - Introduction to Linguistics (Dick Jussel). The WI Subcommittee is requesting a change be made in the syllabus, therefore, the Subcommittee did not approve this course for WI designation. After the Council discussed the situation, the Council decided to move for approval pending the change be made in the syllabus.

***Jim Miller (Craig) moved to approve English 303 - Introduction to Linguistics (Dick Jussel) as WI, pending Jussel making the change to the syllabus. Motion carried.

Brian Hill from Health/PE/Recreation attended the General Studies meeting to present

- REC 485 - Tourism and Recreation Research.

Hill would like to get this course approved as WI, so it can be taught as such in the Spring 97 semester.

Jenkins asked the Council to approve the course upon the Subcommittee's approving the course prior to the beginning of the semester.

***Glen Powell (Camp) moved to approve the above course as WI, upon the approval of the Subcommittee. Motion carried.

***Since the General Studies meeting, the WI Subcommittee has approved (12-17-96)

- REC 485 - Tourism and Recreation Research (Brian Hill)

as Writing Intensive.

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D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Assessment Timeline:

Allan Jenkins distributed a handout with the Assessment timeline. He asked the Council to review the timeline and it would be discussed later.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Assessment Discussion:

The Assessment timeline is going along as planned and running on schedule. The goal is to have criteria reviewed and ready for approval in May.

2. Science of Food - Proposed General Studies Course:

There were a number of concerns with the Science of Food course being approved as a General Studies Course. Once the General Studies Council learned that the Natural and Social Sciences Educational Policy Committee had not reviewed the course, the Council decided not to act on this course at this time until it goes through the proper procedure. The General Studies Council is not opposed to approving this course as a GS course at some point in time.

***Mark Eifler (Camp) moved to not take any action until the College of Natural and Social Sciences has a chance to review. Motion carried.

3. Creation of a Technical Advisory Committee (Allan Jenkins):

No action will be taken at this time, however, the Council will discuss this option another time.

4. 300/400 Level Courses:

Jenkins and Rick Miller discussed the issue of 300/400 level courses. Rick Miller suggested General Studies and Faculty Senate create a joint committee to discuss this issue.

***Charlie Bicak (Eifler) moved that there be a joint effort between General Studies and Faculty Senate to address the notion of 300/400 level courses. Motion carried.

5. Transfer Student Strategy:

Jenkins suggested creating some standards or guidelines to follow to help maintain some consistency in dealing with transfer students.

Jenkins asked for volunteers to create a subcommittee to come up with suggestions on how to handle transfer students. Mark Eifler, Judy Willett, and Glen Powell volunteered to serve on this subcommittee. It was suggested that someone from the Registrar's Office also serve on this subcommittee.

6. Waiver Issue:

Discussed above.

7. Honors Program:

Not discussed.

F. NEXT MEETING:

Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m., reminding the Council that the next meeting is scheduled for February 6, 1997, at 3:30, in the Academic Affairs Conference Room, Founders Hall, Room 2122.