

GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting: February 4, 1999

PRESENT: Dave Anderson, Peg Camp, Jeanne Cutler, Don Envick, Jim German, Amy Huffman (student), Allan Jenkins, Sonja Kropp, John Lillis, Clint Ludeman, Bob Morgan, Kim Schipporeit, Alex Straatman (student), and Marguerite Tassi

ABSENT: Charlie Bicak, Mary Daake, and Dick Jussel

VISITORS: Don Carpenter, Jane Christensen, Rob Luscher, Martha Kruse, Ed Scantling, Josh Schauer, and Keith Terry

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

A. The December 3, 1998 minutes were approved via e-mail.

B. CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND WRITING INTENSIVE SUBMISSIONS:

Jenkins recommended the following courses be approved by the Council:

1. WI Designation:

- **ITEC 408 - Leadership in Business and Technology (M. Nobe)**
- **SOWK 499 - Social Work: Special Studies (S. Cook-Fong)**

*****Jim German (Envick) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried.**

C.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Josh Schauer - Student Request:

Josh Schauer presented his extenuating circumstances regarding the GS program.

After a discussion of possible alternatives, the Council voted on the following motion:

*****Clint Ludeman (Tassi) moved to approve the student's request. Motion carried (5-2).**

2. Discussion of English Composition Courses - Robert Luscher and Martha Kruse:

Rob Luscher and Martha Kruse attended the GS meeting to answer any questions the Council may have concerning the Language and Communication review process. No formal action was taken.

3. Proposal to Change Hours in Personal Development Category - Keith Terry:

Keith Terry proposed the maximum number of credit hours allowed in the Personal Development category be increased to six credit hours from the current three credit hours.

Terry is making this request for the following reasons:

- 0. the current three-hour maximum is too limiting when compared to other categories;**

1. essentially discounts the value of courses in the section while at the same time it promotes the value of other GS courses;
2. has proven to be problematic for some students; and
3. impacts departments that have courses in Personal Development in terms of their abilities to generate SCH.

Jenkins instructed the Council to visit with colleagues and the GS Council will take formal action at the March meeting. Don Carpenter and Ed Scantling were at the GS meeting in support of Terry's proposal. Terry indicated the other departments with courses in this category were supportive of this proposal.

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F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. **Assessment Questionnaire:**
Jenkins asked the Council their thoughts were on this issue. The Council did not express any negative or positive opinions.
2. **300 Level Ad Hoc Committee Update:**
No update at this time.
3. **Capstone Course Update:**
No update at this time.

G. MISCELLANEOUS:

***Don Envick (German) moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:45.

H. NEXT MEETING:

The next General Studies meeting is scheduled for March 4, 1999 at 3:30 p.m., in the Academic Affairs Conference Room, Founders Hall, Room 2122.