

GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting: February 1, 2001

PRESENT: Charlie Bicak, Jeanne Cutler, Don Envick, Dick Jussel, Sonja Kropp, Clint Ludeman, Marta Moorman, Kim Schipporeit, and Marguerite Tassi

ABSENT: Peg Camp, Jim German

Interim Chair, Dick Jussel, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., in the Academic Affairs Conference Room.

A. Approve the December 5, 2000 minutes.*Charlie Bicak (Tassi) moved to approve the December 5, 2000 minutes. Motion carried.**

B. CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND WRITING INTENSIVE SUBMISSIONS:Jussel recommended the following be approved by the Council:

1. CD Courses:

- **ENG 251 - Introduction to Literature: American Literature (D. Schultz)
***Charlie Bicak (Envick) moved to approve the above course as CD. Motion carried.**

2. WI Additional Instructors:

- **HIST 496 - Senior Seminar in History: Variable Topics (P. Reider)
***Clint Ludeman (Tassi) moved to approve the above instructor. Motion carried.**
- **PSCI 100 - Introduction to Political Science (J. Anderson)
***Clint Ludeman (Tassi) moved to approve the above instructor. Motion carried.**
- **PSCI 110 - Introduction to American Politics (D. Cox)
***Clint Ludeman (Tassi) moved to approve the above instructor. Motion carried.**

C.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. General Studies Program Review:

Bicak informed the Council that Faculty surveys had been sent out and the return rate of those surveys is about 75%. Bicak, Jussel, and Dr. Roark will be meeting soon to select an External Reviewer and to go over the Alumni survey. In addition, students have been contacted to make the phone calls for the student survey. The goal is to

have ten students making the calls over a period of ten evenings. The phone survey will start with the next two weeks.

Schipporeit distributed a copy of the results from the Graduating Student Survey from the Office of the Student Records and Registration as an example.

E.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

Jussel recently attended a Board of Regents meeting to discuss assessment.

G. MISCELLANEOUS:

Jussel informed the Council that he recently reported on General Studies Assessment at the Board of Regents meeting, along with personnel from UNL and UNO. The Board of Regents discussed how we assess the effectiveness of our General Studies Program and what we assess?

After some discussion, Jeanne Cutler suggested one possible way of assessing would be to design a questionnaire on Web-Easi with about 5 or 6 questions. Seniors would need to answer these questions before they register for classes for the second semester their senior year. Once the questions are answered, a flag will be lifted to allow them to register.

***The meeting was adjourned.

H. NEXT MEETING:

The next General Studies meeting will be March 1, 2001, at 3:30 p.m., in the Academic Affairs Conference Room, Founders Hall, Room 2122.