

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA AT KEARNEY
GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL
Meeting of December 2, 2004 MINUTES

PRESENT:

Faculty: Debbie Bridges, Peg Camp, Valerie Cisler, Sandy Cook-Fong, Randall Heckman, Sonja Kropp, Larry Kuskie, Marta Moorman, Marguerite Tassi, Vern Volpe, and Ed Walker

Ex officio/non-voting members: Mary Daake, Kristi Milks, Tanis Saldivar, Kim Schipporeit, and Bill Wozniak

Students: Anne Drinkwalter, Tom McCarty

Absent: Jeanne Butler, John Lillis, Glen Powell, Kenya Taylor

Wozniak called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m. in Room 310 of the Nebraskan Student Union.

A. REVIEW OF THE MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 4, 2004.

Bridges (Camp) moved for approval of the minutes. The agenda indicated we were reviewing the October minutes, but the November minutes were included. The motion passed in spite of the embarrassment of Wozniak.

B. CD/WI COURSE SUBMISSIONS

1. Writing Intensive:

- a. TE 331, Intermediate Literacy (Gappa)
- b. FSID 446, Professional Practice of Interior Design ((Rothenberger)
- c. PE 425, Legal Aspects of Sport and Recreation (Nita Unruh)
- d. BIOL 404, Developmental Biology (K. Carlson)
- e. CJUS 431, Correctional Law and Administration (Siedschlaw)
- f. BIOL 462, Animal Behavior (Springer)
- g. BIOL 475, Internship in Biology (Springer)
- h. HIST 251H, American History: 1865 to the present, (Van Ingen)
- i. SPCH 456, Rhetorical Theory (Dimock)
- j. SOC 349, Sociology of Work and Occupations (Kelley)
- k. GERM 414, Advanced Composition and Conversation II (Snider)
- l. ITEC 408, Leadership in Business and Technology (Arbuckle)

Wozniak presented the recommendations of the subcommittee and summarized the information that he received after the subcommittee meeting. *Heckman (Walker) moved for approval of TE 331, Intermediate Literacy (Gappa) for the spring, 2005 semester only and on the condition that Dr Batenhorst serve as WI mentor for Lecturer Gappa. Motion passed. Camp (Kuskie) moved for approval of items c through k. Wozniak reported that the concerns raised by the subcommittee were addressed*

by the instructors. The motion passed. Heckman (Camp) moved that ITEC 408 be approved on the condition that Wozniak receive verification that the 5000 word requirement be clearly explained in the syllabus. Motion passed.

2. Cultural Diversity:

- a. SPAN 201, Intermediate Spanish II (Arrieta)

Cisler (Cook-Fong) moved for approval of SPAN 201 as a CD course. Wozniak acknowledged that he had received an updated syllabus from Profesor Arrieta. Motion passed.

C.

D. OLD BUSINESS

1. WI Cleanup:

- a. none

2. WI Cleanup:

- a. none

3. Notification of new WI course-instructor assignments

- a. none*

*CSIS 250, Information Systems Concepts (J. Green) approved but omitted from minutes

4.

5. Notification of new CD course-instructor assignments

- a. none

6. Update on General Studies Assessment

Wozniak said that Tanis Saldivar, Amber Benson, Jeanne Butler, and he were collecting pilot data from several GS courses. The assessment budget was finalized and will provide for the administration of a standardized General Education test and some development money to reward faculty who develop department plans for GS course assessment.

7. Update on Proposal to move WI/CD course governance

Wozniak will ask the WI and CD subcommittees to begin discussion on General Studies public relations and General Studies governance respectively. He will provide more information before the scheduled January meetings of those subcommittees.

8. Liberal Studies at UNK

Status of proposal concerning Fine Arts & Humanities courses:

Cisler and Bridges reported that their Colleges' Educational Policy Committees were discussing the proposal. Wozniak asked Council members

E. NEW BUSINESS

Wozniak said that money has been allocated to support travel to an AAC&U conference on General Studies and Assessment in Alanta from Febraury 17 - 19, 2005. If any member is interested in this opportunity, he ask to be informed by Tuesday, December 7. At that time, he will begin asking other interested faculty members.

F. MISCELLANEOUS

Cook-Fong (Bridges) moved to adjourn. Motion passed at 3:56 pm.

G. NEXT MEETING

The next General Studies Council meeting is scheduled for February 3, 2005 at 3:30--310 Nebraskan Union.

Subcommittee meetings:

Assessment Monday, January 17, 2005 at 1:30 (2122 FDHL)

CD Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 3:30 (2122 FDHL)

WI Thursday, February 3, 2005 at 2:30 (310 Union)