

University of Nebraska at Kearney General Studies Council
Meeting of December 1, 2005
Minutes

Present: Mary Ann Barton, Debbie Bridges, Valerie Cisler, Mary Daake, Randall Heckman, Sonja Kropp, Larry Kuskie, Kristi Milks, Glen Powell, Kim Schipporeit, Linda Spessard, Vern Volpe, Ed Walker

Absent: Peg Camp, Marta Moorman, Marguerite Tassi, Kenya Taylor

Visitor: Gloria Vavricka

Director, Glen Powell, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in room 2122, in Founders Hall.

A. Approve the November 3, 2005 minutes.

***Debbie Bridges (Cisler) moved to approve the November 3, 2005 minutes. Motion carried.

B. New Business:

1. Gloria Vavricka – General Studies Courses On-line:

Gloria Vavricka discussed promoting General Studies course to be taught on-line. Vavricka stated the target audiences for on-line courses are:

- Non-traditional
- Traditional
- High School Seniors

To stay competitive, UNK is currently offering on-line courses which are being taught by UNK faculty to high school students. The cost is \$100 per credit hour. A tuition remission will be granted if the student enrolls in classes at UNK after high school graduation. Once the student is enrolled, he/she will have credit hours waived to off-set the credit hours which were taken in high school.

If more UNK General Studies courses were offered on-line, UNK would market the on-line and video conferences courses statewide. In the summer of 2005, UNK offered three on-line courses which filled very quickly.

If a course is going to be taught on-line there are stipends available to pay faculty for developing on-line courses. Currently, there is a course development stipend of \$1,500 and \$2,500 stipend for a fully on-line course. Grant programs are also available up to \$15,000.

Powell indicated he will meet with the Deans and Department Chairs to promote the General Studies on-line courses if the Council thinks it is a good idea. The General Studies Council will discuss with colleagues as well. The Council will continue discussions at the February General Studies meeting.

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D. Old Business:

E. Next Meeting:

The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m. The next General Studies working session will be January 17, 2006, in Founders Hall, Room 2122, at 3:30. The next regularly scheduled General Studies meeting will be on February 2, 2006, in Founders Hall, Room 2122, at 3:30.