

**General Studies Council
Minutes of the December 6, 2007 Meeting
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
*** Approved 2/7/08 *****

Present: Bethany Albrecht, John Anderson, Sylvia Asay, Debbie Bridges, Karin Covalt, Mary Daake, Tommy Hansen, Laurence Hilton, Sonja Kropp, Larry Kuskie, John Lillis, Darleen Mitchell, Marta Moorman, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, and Linda Spessard-Schueth

Absent: Vijay Agrawal, Carol Lilly, Jeanne Butler, David Rozema, and Tim Hruza

I. Call to Order

Director Snider called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of November 1, 2007 meeting

Approved with minor corrections.

III. Updates:

New Capstone objectives have been approved by the SVC. Logistics of the fall 2008 pilot of Capstone courses using the new objectives were discussed. Offerings will be for 1 or 2 credit hours, determined by departments. Snider will email members asking for 2-3 suggestions of a Capstone course topic. One topic will then be voted on electronically by GSC members.

Recommendations of Roundtable Phase II will go to the Faculty Senate packet for the February meeting.

IV. New Business:

Snider asked the Council to approve GSC minutes via email to allow minutes to be on the FS agenda in a more timely fashion. Approved without objection.

Objectives were proposed for the foreign language category of GS, which has never had any. Mitchell/Hilton moved to distribute the objectives to campus for comment. Approved.

Proposal by Interim Director of Ethnic Studies Tami Moore to make ETHS 101 a GS course in the Behavioral Perspective was considered. Faculty Assistant Bridges is authorized to sign in the place of "dean" for an academic program such as Ethnic Studies that is directly supported by the SVC's budget. The Council decided to send the proposal to Ed Policy committees in NSS and BT for review.

V. Open Items:

Academic Standards for GS courses: tabled

VI. Announcements:

Committee members should read 3-4 assessment reports on the GS website to inform themselves about GS departmental assessment to prepare for the NCA visit.

VII. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The regularly meeting of the General Studies Council will be Thursday, February 7, 2008, in the Warner Conference Room, FNDH 1000, at 3:30 p.m.