

**General Studies Council Minutes
September 4, 2008 Meeting – 3:30 pm.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
Approved 10/2/08**

Present: Vijay Agrawal, John Anderson, Sylvia Asay, Deb Bridges, Karin Covalt, Mary Daake, Tommy Eshelman, Tommy Hansen, Sherri Harms, Laurence Hilton, Kelly Hoff, Sonja Kropp, Carol Lilly, Darleen Mitchell, David Rozema, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, and Ron Wirtz

Absent: Jeanne Butler, Marta Moorman

- I. Call to Order**Director Snider called the meeting to order. Upon determination of a quorum, the agenda was approved and business discussions began. Minutes of the April 24 meeting had been approved by the Council via e-mail, and will be sent to Faculty Senate for their approval.

- II. Open Items**Snider asked the Council for approval to suspend the agenda; the Rozema proposal for liberal arts curriculum will be discussed at a later date. Rozema distributed a revised handout of his proposal for a New GS/Liberal Arts Program for members of the Council to review prior to discussion at a future GSC meeting.

- III. New Business**
Snider reminded the Council that the next accreditation visit by North Central will be in 2014. However, because of deficiencies in the assessment of General Studies, NCA has asked for another report on General Studies in 2011. Many colleges and universities with “cafeteria” style General Studies Programs are encountering the same problems when trying to retrofit program assessment onto a collection of courses that were not intended to function as a unified program.

- IV. Other**Schipporeit shared a copy of the UNL general education program, known as Achievement Centered Education (ACE).

Snider distributed a General Studies renewal plan outline that included NCA mandated characteristics of General Studies assessment, and statements of GSC consensus as to what needs to be done in General Studies program assessment. Discussion ensued.

A working session of the Council was set for Tuesday, September 16, at 3 p.m. in FNDH 2147.

- V. Adjournment**Meeting was adjourned at 4:37 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday, October 2, 2008, 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room, FNDH 1000.