

**General Studies Council Minutes
October 2, 2008 Meeting – 3:30 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
Approved by email 10/10/08**

Present: Vijay Agrawal, John Anderson, Sylvia Asay, Debbie Bridges, Jeanne Butler, Mary Daake, Tommy Eshleman, Tommy Hansen, Sherri Harms, Kelly Hoff, Sonja Kropp, Carol Lilly, Kristi Milks, Darleen Mitchell, Marta Moorman, David Rozema, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, and Ron Wirtz

Absent: Laurence Hilton

Guest: Jeanne Butler

I. Call to Order

Director Daren Snider called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Warner Conference Room, Founders Hall.

II. Approval of Minutes from the September 4, 2008, meeting.

Mitchell/Anderson moved to approve the minutes. Approved without objection.

III. Report

Jeanne Butler, Director of Assessment, shared results of the NCA visit. General Studies is an area where further attention is required. NCA requires that there be a clear definition and understanding of the GS program level learning outcomes that is shared by all faculty and students. In addition, methods of measuring and interpreting GS learning outcomes to help determine whether students are achieving at an acceptable level should be standardized. Also, a unified and integrated GS program of study is needed with a core set of learning outcomes that are established before the new GS program is created. Although we have made considerable advances since 2004 in student learning outcomes assessment, NCA requires a report of progress in GS in April, 2011.

IV. Open Items

a. Academic Standards

Snider distributed [draft #4 of the Academic Standards](#), which was initiated at the November 2007 GSC meeting. The guidelines fall under the Council's responsibilities for program assessment. Wirtz/Mitchell moved to approve the revised guidelines. Motion carried with one abstention.

b. Work Session – GS renewal curriculum models

Snider distributed a working document that will be discussed at the next work session.

c. Rozema Model

David Rozema distributed a handout of a proposal for a new General Studies/Liberal Arts Program. The Council will discuss it at the next work session.

V. New Business:

a. JMC 100 Course Title and Description Change

Kim Schipporeit notified the Council of a course title and description change made to the GS course JMC 100. The proposed change will be sent to Academic Affairs.

b. GS Program from College of B&T Faculty

This item will be discussed at the next work session.

VI. Other

The GS work session will be Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room, FNDH 1000.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 2008, 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room, FNDH 1000.

Submitted by Kristi Milks