

**General Studies Council Minutes**  
**November 30, 2009 Meeting – 4:00pm**  
**FNDH 2147**  
**Approved via email 2/19/10**

***A quorum was present.***

**I. Call to Order:**

Director Daren Snider called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

**II. Open Items:**

A. The Capstone project was discussed. The council believes that the project should constitute at least half of the semester grade for the Capstone course.

B. The Council discussed parameters for Distribution courses and created a list of questions to help in reviewing course proposals:

1) Is the relevance of the course to the students' broader general education reflected in the syllabus (Distribution Outcome #1)?

2) Is the course broadly introductory, and temporally or spatially expansive?

3) Do the graded assignments adequately assess mastery of the outcomes?

4) Does the course fit in the category for which it is proposed?

5) Is the focus of the course on education rather than solely on training?

6) Is there sufficient rigor to be a university course?

7) Does the course address (in addition to Outcome #1) a "majority of the remaining outcomes" for its category?

**III. Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Thursday, December 3, 2009, 3:30pm, Warner Conference Room.