

General Studies Council Minutes
September 1, 2011 – 3:30 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
Approved via email 9/21/11

Present: Sylvia Asay, Debbie Bridges, Joe Carlson, Mary Daake, Scott Darveau, Tommy Hansen, Kate Heelan, Daryl Kelley, Martha Kruse, Kristi Milks, Darleen Mitchell, Jan Moore, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, Mike Sutherland

Absent: Jeanne Butler, Kim Elliott, Allan Jenkins, Ron Konecny, Ken Trantham

Guests: Charlie Bicak and Dallas Kenny

I. Call to Order:

a. Approve Agenda:

Director Snider called the meeting to order.

II. Open Items:

a. Democracy Category Assessment Instrument – Draft:

Snider distributed the draft Democracy category assessment instrument for the Council for review. After a brief discussion, the Council decided to send the draft to the departments that currently teach Democracy category courses for their initial suggestions.

III. New Business:

a. General Studies in Study Abroad (Dallas Kenny):

Dallas Kenny, Director of International Education distributed two proposals for the Council to review and comment on.

- 1) Daejin University, South Korea, DU-UNK 1+3 Program. With this program, students from Daejin University would enroll in classes for one year in South Korea and attend UNK for three years. Students would take about 30 hours of General Studies courses in Korea with native English speaking college instructors in Korea before coming to UNK for their remaining three years of study. The Council expressed concerns that students in some majors (such as the sciences or music) would not have adequate preparation in their major courses in Korea and would need to spend longer at UNK to finish their degree.
- 2) Kanda Institute, Japan, would be a 2 + 2 Program with UNK.

Dr. Bicak asked the Council to review the two proposals and provide Dallas Kenny with any comments or advice.

b. Philosophy Courses in General Studies (David Rozema):

Tabled until the October meeting.

c. Policy on Use of TaskStream:

Four policies were reviewed relating to TaskStream use. These policies were approved by

the deans and SVC at the deans retreat on 7/21/11:

POLICY	ACTION	ACCOUNTABILITY
Instructors must be oriented to use of rubric and TaskStream before evaluating GS assessments	Instructor cannot teach further GS courses that currently use TaskStream until oriented.	Chair, Dean
Instructor determines how the GS assessment counts in the course grade.	n/a	Instructor
Students must submit required GS assessments using TaskStream.	Student does not receive credit for GS assessments not submitted on TaskStream.	Instructor, Chair
Instructors must conduct and evaluate approved GS assessments and enter the data on TaskStream.	Instructor cannot teach further GS courses that currently use TaskStream until evaluations are submitted.	Chair, Dean

IV. Other:

V. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, October 6, 2011, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.