

General Studies Council Minutes
October 4, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
Approved via email 11/6/12

Present: Paul Burger, Joe Carlson, Kim Elliott, Ron Konecny, Allan Jenkins, Martha Kruse, Kristi Milks, Darleen Mitchell, Jan Moore, Tami Moore, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, Ken Trantham

Absent: Jeanne Butler, Mary Daake, Ralph Hanson, Kate Heelan, Donna Montgomery, Mike Sutherland, Kenya Taylor

Guests: Bill Wozniak, Greg Broekemier

I. Call to Order: Director Snider called the meeting to order and the agenda was approved.

II. Open Items:

1. Final GSC Approvals:

a. PSY 388 (cross-listed with BIOL 388) – Science of Fear

Jenkins/J. Moore moved to approve. Motion carried.

b. Revised Portal Rubric: Konecny/Mitchell moved to approve. Motion carried.

2. Follow-up to “Data” Working Meeting of 9/28/12: Snider updated the Council on the working meeting about “closing the loop”. Subcommittees were formed to look at using NSSE data as indirect assessment (Carlson, J. Moore, Sutherland) and for revising a using data from a student survey about portals (Kruse, T. Moore). Information should be reported at the November meeting.

3. Sampling in GS Assessment: The Council discussed the possibility of sampling, but decided to continue assessing every student in the Foundational Core, Portal and Capstone categories.

4. Distribution Category Assessment Subcommittees Update: The pilot assessment of Distribution categories in spring 2013 will focus on Distribution learning outcome #1, allowing campus to gain experience in assessing this category. Faculty ad hoc committees designing Distribution assessments will continue their work throughout the pilot.

5. Teaching Critical Thinking Workshops: Snider is researching the possibility of bringing to campus an expert to discuss how best to teach students to develop their critical thinking skills.

III. New Business:

1. Course Submission: MKT 388-02: Philanthropy: Learning to Give:

Jenkins/Konecny move to approve sending the course out to campus for review. Motion carried.

2. APR – Outside Reviewer Suggestions:

Snider advised that the Council will be engaging in an APR in 2012-2013 and to let him know of any suggestions they may have for an external reviewer.

IV. Other: Trantham distributed documents showing the TaskStream data collected. Discussion ensued.

V. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, November 1, 2012, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.