

General Studies Council Minutes
December 5, 2013 – 3:30 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
Approved via email 1/27/14

Present: Sylvia Asay, Derrick Burbul, Mary Daake, Kim Elliott, Ralph Hanson, Beth Hinga, Allan Jenkins, Katherine Kime, Martha Kruse, Kristi Milks, Donna Montgomery, Jan Moore, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, Mike Sutherland, Ross Taylor

Absent: Greg Brown, Paul Burger, Joe Carlson, Kenya Taylor

Guests: John Falconer, David Palmer

I. Call to Order:

Approve Agenda:

Director Snider called the meeting to order.

II. Open Items:

1. Course Final Approval: PSY 388 – Psychological Anthropology (R. Miller):

Taylor/Kruse moved to approve the course. Motion carried.

2. GS Math Assessment (K. Kime):

Kime shared feedback from MATH 102 assessment. Based on preliminary results, the Math department will refine the instrument for use in the next assessment cycle.

3. ENG 101 in GS:

After considerable discussion Hanson/Jenkins moved to forward the ENG 101 proposal (see attached) to the college Educational/Academic Policy Committees and to Academic Affairs for review and recommendations, as per the GS Governance Document. Motion carried with one nay vote and one abstention.

III. New Business:

1. Course Proposal: MGT 388 – American Comic Book Industry (D. Palmer):

Jenkins/Taylor moved to approve sending the course to campus for comment. Motion carried.

2. Designating a 388 as honors – pilot (J. Falconer):

Honors program will proceed with designating particular 388 sections as honors on a trial basis to see how it affects enrollment and advising.

3. NSSE Data (B. Hinga):

Beth Hinga distributed NSSE Data for the council to initial review.

IV. Other:

1. JMC 388 / PE 388 – Request by HPERLS and Communication to add the PE prefix to the existing capstone course JMC 388: Trekking Cowboy Trail. Hanson/Moore moved to approve. Motion carried.
2. Snider announced that he was stepping down as director of General Studies after 7½ years in order to pursue other professional interests. He thanked the Council for their dedication in bringing about the revision of a strong GS program and resolving the longstanding issues with the Higher Learning Commission.

VI. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, February 6, 2013, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.

UNK General Studies Program

45 credit hours 12-15 hour core, 3 hour Portal, 24-27 hour distribution, 3 hour capstone

Changes proposed 12/5/13 by the GS Council are in red.

I Foundational Core – 12-15 hours					
Written Communication 3-6 hours ENG 102 is required but the pre-requisite course, ENG 101 may also apply here	Math for the Liberal Arts 3 hours OR college algebra & above		Oral Communication 3 hours	Democracy in Perspective 3 hours	
II Portal Course – 3 hours					
III Distribution – 24-27 hours (22 hours in minimum requirements, 2-5 hours of electives depending on whether ENG 101 was applied above)					
Aesthetics 3-6 hours	Humanities 6-9 hours in at least two disciplines	Social Sciences 6-9 hours in at least two disciplines	Natural Sciences 7-11 hours in at least two disciplines (at least one lab)	Analytical & Quantitative Thought 0-6 hours	Wellness 0-6 hours
IV Capstone Course – 3 hours					