

General Studies Council Minutes
March 5, 2015 – 3:30 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
***** Approved via email March 9, 2015 *****

Present: Debbie Bridges, Greg Brown, Derrick Burbul, Paul Burger, Ralph Hanson, Kay Hodge, Laura Jensen, Daryl Kelley, Katherine Kime, Kristi Milks, Martha Kruse, Donna Montgomery, Tami Moore, Amy Rundstrom, Kim Schipporeit, Kenya Taylor, Ross Taylor, Ron Wirtz

Absent: Jan Moore, Daren Snider

Guest: Greg Benson, Gene Fendt, Jeff Kritzer, Sam Umland

I. Call to Order:

Kelley/Taylor moved to approve the agenda moving the course proposals to the top of the agenda to accommodate the guests. Motion carried.

1. Approve Agenda:

Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes from February 5, 2015 meeting were approved via email.

II. Old Business (Open Items):

1. Course Proposals (Review for Final Approval):

a. PHIL 388 – Pleasure, Beauty, Goodness and the Sublime (Department: Philosophy; Instructor: Gene Fendt): Campus Comments on PHIL 388:

Brown/Hanson moved to approve PHIL 388. After receiving campus feedback, the Council discussed if the course was truly a multi-disciplinarian course, but rather an aesthetics course. Dr. Fendt addressed the Council's questions as well as the comments received by the campus.

After a paper vote, the motion failed 5-7 with 1 abstention.

Taylor asked the Council what feedback we could offer Dr. Fendt to get the course approved.

b. SCM 188 – Dare to be Different: Building Career Capital for a Global Market (previous title: Professional Preparation Meets Global Career Opportunity) (Department: Marketing; Instructor: Greg Benson): Campus Comments on SCM 188:

Kelley/Brown moved to approve SCM 188. Motion carried.

III. New Business:

1. Course Proposals (New):

a. TE 388 – History of Education in America (Department: Teacher Education; Instructor: Jeff Kritzer):

Kelley/Hodge moved to send the course to campus for comment. Motion failed.

After discussion, the content of the course is very impressive; however, the capstone course project needs to be 50% of the grade and needs some work on how it brings together the two disciplines. Hanson will work with Dr. Kritzer to make the necessary edits for resubmission.

2. Assessment and GS Program:

a. MATH 102 Assessment Results: Fall 2014:

The Council received the MATH 102 assessment results and the results were outstanding and very impressive. The Council sends kudos to the Math Department on a job well done.

b. Wellness Rubric – Identifying GS Program Level Learning Outcomes:

Brown volunteered to work on the wellness learning outcomes.

c. Natural Sciences Instrument and Rubric – need approval to send out for campus comment.

Bridges and Snider worked together to identify four people, one from each of the four disciplines, to work together to develop a rubric for Natural Sciences. Bridges distributed the proposed rubric for the Council to review.

Hodge/T. Moore moved to approve sending the rubric to campus for review and comment.
Motion carried.

IV. Other:

1. Governance Document Review:

Hanson, Schipporeit, Wirtz and Brown will review the governance document for relevance and consistency and report to the Council at the next meeting.

2. Alternative for Collecting Campus Input on Proposed Courses:

Bridges shared with the Council the new Blackboard page which all faculty will have access to and have the option to review a GS course as well as submit comments. An email will still be sent to faculty via the GS email instructing them to go Blackboard to review and/or comment on the course.

V. Adjournment:

Burger/Burbul moved to adjourn at 5:10 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, April 2, 2015, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.