

General Studies Council Minutes
September 4, 2014 – 3:30 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
Approved via e-mail 9/9/14

Present: Debbie Bridges, Greg Brown, Paul Burger, Ralph Hanson, Kay Hodge, Laura Jensen, Daryl Kelley, Katherine Kime, Kristi Milks, Jan Moore, Tami Moore, Amy Rundstrom, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, Kenya Taylor, Ross Taylor, Ron Wirtz

Absent: Martha Kruse, Donna Montgomery

Guests: Brian Ray, Sam Umland, Kathryn Zuckweiler

I. Call to Order:

1. Approve Agenda:

Director, Debbie Bridges, called the meeting to order.
Kelley/Brown moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Welcome New and Returning Members:

Bridges welcomed the new and returning General Studies Council members. The reappointed and new members are: Greg Brown – COE, Martha Kruse – FA, Kay Hodge – BT, Daryl Kelley – NSS and Ron Wirtz – LIBR.

II. Open Items:

1. Approve Minutes from April 3 and April 24, 2014:

T. Moore/R. Taylor moved to approve both of the minutes from April. Motion carried.

Hanson/Hodge moved to approve amending the agenda to move the guests to the beginning of the agenda. Motion carried.

2. ENG 101 and GS:

R. Taylor/Brown moved to approve ENG 101 as a General Studies course. Motion carried with 6 yes and 4 no votes with votes representing all colleges. Motion carried.

3. Final Course Approval(s):

a. HIST 188-03 – The Worlds of the Bible (James Rohrer):

Kelley/T. Moore moved to approve HIST 188-03. Motion carried.

b. MGT 232 – Introduction to Scholarly and Creative Activity (Kathryn Zuckweiler):

T. Moore/R. Taylor moved to approve MGT 232 for inclusion in the Analytical and Quantitative Thought category. Motion carried.

III. New Business:

1. New Course Proposal(s):

a. SCM 188 – Professional Preparation Meets Global Career Opportunity (Greg Benson):

Hanson/R. Taylor moved to approve open discussion of SCM 188. Motion carried.

After considerable discussion, the Council suggested the following areas needed to be revised or more clarification is needed:

- 1) The Council suggested clarification was needed on what internet resources might consist of? What are professional resources?
- 2) In the syllabus, the assessment tools which will be used are not very specific.
- 3) The global component is not very explicit or defined.
- 4) The method used by students of how they are going to achieve specified portal course outcomes needs to be clarified and reflected in the syllabus.

Hanson/R. Taylor moved to table the SCM 188 until the above revisions are made and the course has been resubmitted. Motion carried.

2. Plan of Action for 2014-2015 AY:

Bridges discussed with the Council proposed objectives for the 2014-15 AY.

1. APR Recommendations: Bridges asked the Council to review and prioritize the recommendations from the 2013 APR and to review/revise the governance document.
2. Assessment: Review/revise the learning outcomes/rubrics for courses. Continue assessment for distribution category courses (Math is scheduled for Fall 2014).
3. Review/Respond to the assessment results from Fall 2013 and Spring 2014.
4. Develop and implement logistics of rolling 3-year review for General Studies courses.
5. Conduct a follow-up survey on student and faculty perceptions of the General Studies Program.

3. Assessment Plans for 2014-2015:

Long-term schedule of General Studies Assessment:

Fall 2013	ENG 102 and SPCH 100
Spring 2014	All Portals (classes with the course number 188)
Fall 2014	MATH
Spring 2015	Distribution Courses
Fall 2015	Democracy Courses
Spring 2016	General Studies Capstone Courses (classes with the course number 300)

4. Assessment Results for Fall 2013 and Spring 2014:

Bridges asked the Council for input on the best way to provide assessment results for their review and in preparing the Council's response to the results for dissemination to campus.

5. Summary of Portal/Capstone Course Offerings Summary 2011-2013:

IV. Other:

1. Course Title Change: STAT 235:

Title has been changed from "Statistical Techniques for Research I" to "Introduction to Statistics for Social Sciences."

VI. Adjournment:

Brown/J. Moore moved to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, October 2, 2014, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.