

General Studies Council Minutes
April 6, 2017 – 3:30 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
***** Approved via email *****

Present: Julie Agard, Karl Borden, Greg Brown, Miechelle McKelvey, Derrick Burbul, Debbie Bridges, Joel Cardenas, Scott Darveau, Kay Hodge, Martha Kruse, Miechelle McKelvey, Kristi Milks, Tami Moore, Kim Schipporeit, Beth Wiersma, Ron Wirtz

Absent: Tim Farrell, Katherine Kime, Amy Rundstrom, Kenya Taylor

Guests: Dr. Charlie Bicak, Aaron Estes, Greg Broekemier, Dustin Favinger, Marta Moorman, Pat Philippi

I. Call to Order:

Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order.

1. Approve Agenda:

Darveau/Burbul moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Hodge/Brown moved to approve moving Dr. Bicak to the top of the agenda.

2. Minutes from the March 2, 2017 meeting were approved via email.

II. Old Business (Open Items):

1. Course Proposals (review for final approval): None

III. New Business:

1. Course Proposals (New):

Borden/Darveau moved to approve the above courses separately. Motion carried.

MKT 388: Event Planning & Management (Department: Marketing; Instructor: Dustin Favinger):

Brown/Hodge moved to approve the above course. Motion failed.

The Council suggested the course be revised and resubmitted for approval.

REC 188: In Pursuit of Adventure (Department: Kinesiology and Sport Sciences; Instructor: Pat Philippi):

The Council approved the above course with a minor revision.

2. Assessment and GS Program:

a. Report from Syllabi Review Teams:

The review teams found most of the syllabi to missing the statement stating the relevance of the course to the student's general studies education. Many of the syllabi were missing the University required statements on disability / sexual harassment. The teams also found several other issues (e.g., global component not reflected; course activities not aligned with learning outcomes, etc.) with the syllabi. The Council discussed strategies to address these issue; faculty

will be provided feedback and the Council will host a Faculty Development Workshop on syllabi development.

b. Three-year Rolling Review Proposal (Update from Subcommittee: Darveau, Moore, Rundstrom and Bridges):

Bridges thanked Darveau, Kruse, and McKelvey for drafting the expanded purpose statements for GS and provided the Council with a copy. The idea is to have faculty include the main GS statement and the statement for each relevant area on each syllabi to be followed by the relevant GS and area outcomes. The Council will take action on the proposal next meeting.

c. Update on Portal Assessment (Spring 2017):

The Portal Assessment is still in progress.

IV. Other:

Special Guest: SVCASA Bicak

Dr. Bicak discussed with the Council the Nebraska Transfer Initiative (NTI) that was re-evaluated in January 2017. With this evaluation, UNK is no longer in compliance with the NTI, due to the fact that ENG 101 has not been a General Studies course since the implementation of the revised program in 2010. Dr. Bicak approves the inclusion of ENG 101 in the General Studies Program; this inclusion, therefore, ensures our compliance with the NTI as agreed upon by the 34 Nebraska postsecondary institutions. This action will be effective with the start of the Fall Semester 2017.

Bridges will compose a letter to send to campus stating that ENG 101 will now be a GS course and the Distribution category will be 24-27 credit hours.

V. Adjournment:

Hodge/Agard moved to adjourn at 4:55 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, April 27, 2017, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.