

**General Studies Council Minutes**  
**April 28, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.**  
**Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room**  
**\*\*\* Approved via e-mail \*\*\***

**Present:** Debbie Bridges, Derrick Burbul, Tim Farrell, Kay Hodge, Daryl Kelley, Katherine Kime, Martha Kruse, Kristi Milks, Tami Moore, Amy Rundstrom, Kim Schipporeit, Beth Wiersma, Ron Wirtz

**Absent:** Julie Agard, Greg Brown, Joel Cardenas, Steve Hall, Jan Moore, Kenya Taylor

**Guest:** Deborah Freedman, David Rozema, Daren Snider, Sam Umland

**New Members:** Miechelle McKelvey, Hector Palencia

**I. Call to Order:**

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

**1. Approve Agenda:**

Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order.

**2. Minutes from the April 3, 2016 meeting were approved via email.**

**II. Old Business (Open Items):**

Hodge/Brown moved to approve the three courses below. Motion carried.

Kime/Hodge made a friendly amendment to approve each course separately. Motion carried.

**1. Course Proposals (Review for Final Approval):**

**a) MUS 388 – Historical and Cultural Influences on Music Around the World (Department: Music; Instructor: Deborah Freedman).**

Kruse/Kime moved to vote via paper ballot. Motion failed 4-5.

**b) HUM 100 – Introduction to Humanities (Proposer: FAH Dean (no department, since it is interdisciplinary; Contact person: Daren Snider).**

Kruse/Kime moved to vote via paper ballot. Motion failed 4-5.

**c) HUM 300 – Modes of Inquiry – Humanities (Proposer: FAH Dean (no department, since it is interdisciplinary; Contact person: Daren Snider).**

Kruse/Kime moved to vote via paper ballot. Motion failed 3-6.

**III. New Business:**

**1. Course Proposals (New): None**

**2. Assessment and GS Program:**

**a. Review of Assessment Reports for Fall 2015 (Democracy, Natural Science, A&Q Thought, and Wellness).**

Additional results were received and Bridges updated the report

Kelley/Wirtz moved to approve sending the report to campus. Motion carried.

**b. List of Courses Selected for Assessment Fall 2016 (Written and Oral Communication).**

Written Communication and Oral Communication courses (Foundational Core) are scheduled to be assessed in Fall 2016. The list of courses that will be assessed are as follows:

ENG 102: Section 1; Section 3; Section 5; and Section 7

SPCH 100: Section 1; Section 4; Section 6; Section 15; and Section 17

ITEC 290: Section 1; Section 3; and Section 6

Kelley/Farrell moved to approve the course selection. Motion carried.

**3. Faculty and Student Surveys:**

The Council will discuss more in the fall.

**IV. Other:**

**1. Changes in GS Courses from FS Academic Affairs Committee:**

**a. DANC 122GS: Dance Appreciation – Course Description Change.**

**b. PHYS 210GS: Astronomy – Adding a Pre-requisite of MATH 102.**

**V. Adjournment:**

Wiersma/Burbul moved to adjourn at 4:40 p.m. Motion carried.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Thursday, September 1, 2016, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.