

General Studies Council Minutes
October 6, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
***** Approved via email *****

Present: Julie Agard, Debbie Bridges, Greg Brown, Joel Cardenas, Scott Darveau, Kay Hodge, Martha Kruse, Miechelle McKelvey, Kristi Milks, Tami Moore, Hector Palencia, Kim Schipporeit, Ron Wirtz

Absent: Derrick Burbul, Tim Farrell, Steve Hall, Amy Rundstrom, Kenya Taylor, Beth Wiersma

Guest: Dr. Charlie Bicak

I. Call to Order:

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

1. Approve Agenda:

Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes from the September 1, 2016 meeting were approved via email.

Hodge/Darveau moved to suspend the agenda to allow Dr. Bicak to address the Council.

II. Old Business (Open Items): None

III. New Business:

1. Course Proposals (New): None

2. Assessment and GS Program:

a. Initial Results from Spring 2016 Capstone Course Assessment and Draft Report:

There has been a very good response from Faculty. The Council was asked to read through the draft summary and the Council will discuss at the November meeting.

3. Issue with General Studies Course Offering:

The Council discussed a current situation where a course is not being taught in the manner that it was approved. The Council feels this is unacceptable and should be addressed.

Wirtz/Moore moved to approve Bridges to meet with the Department Chair to discuss two options: 1) Remove the course after the fall semester; or 2) Select someone else to teach the course as it was approved to be taught. Motion carried.

4. Faculty and Student Surveys – Update from Sub-Committee (Brown, Moore, Wiersma, Bridges):

Results will be available at the November meeting.

IV. Other:

1. Special Guest: SVCASA Bicak

Dr. Bicak addressed the Council with discussions about assessment and the current General Studies Program. Dr. Bicak believes the Council is on the right track and accomplishing what we intend to accomplish.

V. Adjournment:

Brown/McKelvey moved to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried.

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