

General Studies Council Minutes
December 1, 2016 – 3:30 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
*** Approved via email ***

Present: Debbie Bridges, Greg Brown, Derrick Burbul, Joel Cardenas, Scott Darveau, Tim Farrell, Kay Hodge, Martha Kruse, Michelle McKelvey, Tami Moore, Hector Palencia, Amy Rundstrom, Kim Schipporeit, Kenya Taylor, Beth Wiersma, Ron Wirtz

Absent: Julie Agard, Steve Hall, Kristi Milks

Guest: Beth Hinga

I. Call to order:

Bridges called the meeting to order. Bridges indicated that after one item of business was addressed the meeting would focus on assessment.

1. Approve agenda
2. Minutes from November 3, 2016 meeting approved via email.

II. Old Business (Open Items):

1. Course Proposals (review for final approval): Nothing pending.
2. Draft of Student Survey Report
Report will be discussed at the February meeting.
3. Assessment and GS Program:
 - a) List of Portal courses to be assessed in spring 2017.

Bridges submitted the list of Portal courses to be assessed in spring 2017; in accordance with the long-term GS Assessment plan all Portal courses will be assessed in spring 2017. Schipporeit / Brown moved approval. Motion carried.

III. New Business:

1. Course Proposals (new): Nothing submitted.
2. Faculty Surveys – update from sub-committee (Brown, Moore, Wiersma, and Bridges)
Results will be available at the February meeting.

IV. Other:

1. Special guest: Dr. Beth Hinga

Dr. Hinga commended the Council on developing a systematic assessment process; as structured, the assessment plan should provide the GSC with useful data for improving the GS program. The GSC also discussed how best to “close the loop,” including the use of Faculty Development activities. The GSC’s plan for developing a three-year rolling review of GS course

offerings as part of the assessment process was also discussed. Dr. Hinga believes the assessment of the GS program is on the right track

V. Adjournment:

Moore / Darveau moved to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, February 2, 2017, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.