

General Studies Council Minutes
April 26, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.
Warner Hall, Warner Conference Room
***** Approved via email *****

Present: Karl Borden, Debbie Bridges, Greg Brown, Derrick Burbul, Joel Cardenas, Scott Darveau, Tim Farrell, Beth Hinga, Kay Hodge, Katherine Kime, Miechelle McKelvey, Kristi Milks, Tami Moore, Kim Schipporeit, Kenya Taylor, Rebecca Umland

Absent: Julie Agard, Amy Rundstrom, Beth Wiersma and Ron Wirtz

Guests: James Rohrer, Jacob Rosdail and Jeff Wells

I. Call to Order:

Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order.

1. Approve Agenda:

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

2. Minutes from the April 5, 2018 meeting were approved via email.

II. Old Business (Open Items):

1. Course Proposals (Review for Final Approval):

a. **HIST 110: History of Science & Medicine (Instructor: David Vail; Department: History):**

b. **ENG 388H/HIST 388H: The Literature, History, and Science of Space Flight (Instructor: Denys Van Renen, David Vail; Department: English, History):**

c. **ENG 388: Evolution of the Superhero (Instructor: Megan Hartman; Department: English):**

d. **ART 388: Scientific Study of Art (Instructor: Dan May; Department: Art and Design):**

Darveau/McKelvey moved to approve the above four courses for final approval. Motion carried with one abstention.

III. New Business:

1. Course Proposals (New):

a. **HIST 388/JMC 388: Crafting the Historical Documentary (Instructor: Jeff Wells, Jacob Rosdail; Department: History, Communication):**

b. **HIST 112: The Religions of the World (Instructor: James Rohrer, Department: History) – Humanities Distribution:**

Darveau/Farrell moved to approve sending the above two courses out to campus for comment. Motion carried.

2. Assessment and GS Program:

McKelvey/Brown moved to approve the list of Distribution courses selected to be assessed in the Fall 2018. Bridges will notify the departments which courses will be assessed. Motion carried.

a. Syllabi Review Spring 2018 Courses (Aesthetics, Humanities, and Social Sciences):

The course syllabi being reviewed were divided equally between five groups for review. The course syllabi reviewed were missing a lot of information across the board and most need revisions. The Council suggested a General Studies representative attend departmental meetings to go over what needs to be included in the syllabi, etc.

Bridges will notify the faculty members and department chairs of the syllabi that need to be revised.

3. Review/Revision of General Studies Program:

a. Plans for 2018/19 Academic Year/Campus Forums Debrief:

After considerable discussion regarding the forums that were held and the current General Studies program, Bridges distributed the definitions from the General Studies Council Governance Document for structural and fundamental changes. The time frame for structural changes were discussed and the goal of the Council will be to draft and finalize a General Studies Council proposal in September, October and November. The Council would vote and send the proposal out for review and comment in December.

Dr. Bicak expressed his support for the Council having a moratorium on new course proposals for the 2018/19 academic year to allow the Council to focus on revising the current General Studies Program.

Hodge/Borden moved to approve a moratorium for the 2018-19 academic year to not approve any new courses. Motion carried with one abstention and two nay votes.

Brown/Hodge moved the General Studies Council collect information and input from the campus regarding the General Studies Program. Over the summer, the Council will work on developing an appropriate means of collecting this information from the campus to begin their work at the September meeting.

IV. Other:

a. General Studies Council and General Studies Faculty Transition to Canvas (update):

V. Adjournment:

Moore/McKelvey moved to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, September 6, 2018, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.