

General Studies Council Minutes
March 1, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.
Warner Hall, Warner Conference Room
***** Approved via email *****

Present: Julie Agard, Debbie Bridges, Greg Brown, Derrick Burbul, Joel Cardenas, Scott Darveau, Beth Hinga, Kay Hodge, Katherine Kime, Miechelle McKelvey, Kristi Milks, Tami Moore, Kenya Taylor, Rebecca Umland, Beth Wiersma, Ron Wirtz

Absent: Karl Borden, Tim Farrell, Amy Rundstrom, Kim Schipporeit

Guests: Jessica Bishop

I. Call to Order:

Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order.

1. Approve Agenda:

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

2. Minutes from the February 1, 2018 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): None

2. Assessment and GS Program:

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

Bridges reminded the Council the syllabi review is due by the April meeting.

b. Initial Results MATH and Democracy in Perspective Assessment (Fall 2017):

Bridges presented the MATH Assessment results to the Council.

Hodge/Darveau moved to approve sending the results to campus for approval. Motion carried.

Bridges presented the Democracy Assessment results to the Council.

Darveau/Burbul moved to approve sending the results to campus for approval. Motion carried.

3. Review/Revision of General Studies Program:

a. GSC Proposal:

Jessica Bishop presented to the Council a report of the MIAA schools General Studies Programs that she compared to UNK's current GS Program. Bishop found the programs are all very similar and have a lot the same requirements. In addition, the number of required credit hours are very similar across the board as well.

Jessica Bishop presented to the Council a report showing the required General Studies hours by academic program at UNK. It was noted that many academic programs on campus require more than 45 hours of general studies coursework.

Bridges and Hinga reported the outcome of their meetings with Claude Louishomme (FS President) and Dr. Scantling. Claude relayed that Faculty Senate is interested in the outcome of the Council's discussion. The information provided by Dr. Scantling was useful and reinforced some of the points the Council has already taken into consideration. The Deans all declined the offer to meet to discuss General Studies, indicating that the "curriculum is the purview of the faculty."

The Council discussed in great detail the current GS program and possible changes to the program. The Council will continue working out the details of the changes that will be proposed with the goal of having the GSC's proposal finalized at the next meeting. The Council will also be holding campus information forums to discuss the possible changes the last two weeks in April.

IV. Other:

V. Adjournment:

Hodge/Moore moved to adjourn at 5:30 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, April 5, 2018, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.