

**General Studies Council Minutes  
November 2, 2017- 3:30p.m.  
Warner Hall, Warner Conference Room  
\*\*\* Approved via email \*\*\***

**Present:** Julie Agard, Karl Borden, Greg Brown, Debbie Bridges, Joel Cardenas, Scott Darveau, Tim Farrell, Beth Hinga, Kay Hodge, Katherine Kime, Miechelle McKelvey, Tami Moore, Amy Rundstrom, Kim Schipporeit, Kenya Taylor, Rebecca Umland, Ron Wirtz

**Absent:** Derrick Burbul, Kristi Milks, Beth Wiersma

**Guests:** Brooke Envick, Susan Jensen, Tom Martin

**I. Call to Order:**

Bridges called the meeting to order.

- 1. Approve Agenda:**  
Darveau/Hodge moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
- 2. Minutes from the October 5, 2017 meeting were approved via email.**

**II. Old business (Open items):**

- 1. Course Proposals (review for final approval):**

**PHIL 388: Philosophy of Culture (Department: Philosophy; Instructor: Tom Martin)**

Hodge/Wirtz motion to approve course to be included in General Studies program. Motion carried.

Bridges requested PHIL 260 be inactivated to eliminate confusion; Martin agreed to inactivate PHIL 260.

**III. New Business:**

- 1. Course Proposals (New):**

**MGT 188: Intro to Entrepreneurship (Department: Marketing; Instructor Susan Jensen)**

McKelvey/Hodge moved to approve course and send out for campus comment. Discussion ensued with Council providing suggestions for improvement. Request for revision of course and syllabi and resubmission to Council for consideration at December meeting. Motion carried.

- 2. Assessment and GS Program: Syllabi review fall 2017**

Review Teams summarized their findings on their assigned syllabi; several teams stated that most of the reviewed syllabi need revisions. Discussion of how best to achieve that ensued. Bridges reminded the Council that she sends out email reminders about required information to be included in GS syllabi at the beginning of each semester. Bridges will communicate results with department chairs for action on syllabi needing revisions.

Darveau/Brown made a motion to develop a standard syllabi policy for General Studies courses for instructors to follow and apply to their syllabi. Motion carried.

- 3. Transfer credits and General Studies**

Schipporeit presented information on transfer credits for students from Central Community College (UNK's main feeder school). Data shows that the majority of courses brought in directly correspond to (or fulfill) UNK General Studies courses. Thus, the perception that UNK's General Studies program is making it difficult for transfer students to utilize their credits earned elsewhere is false.

**4. Review / revision of General Studies program.**

**a) Discussion starters: GSC comments**

The Council continued discussions regarding GS program focusing on the summary of comments from the October meeting. Discussion centered on apparent misconceptions and/or misunderstandings of the program; whether or not the critics of the program are fully informed; and concern about doing what is best for our students ahead of budgetary issues. Question raised about time-line for preparing GSC's proposal (per Dr. Bickel's charge); Bridges stated the goal of having a drafted proposal completed by the end of February meeting.

**b) College proposals**

College proposals submitted for GSC review; discussion of the proposals scheduled for December meeting.

**IV. Other:**

**V. Adjournment:**

**Brown/Darveau (?)** moved to adjourn at 5:00 p.m. Motion carried.

**NEXT REGULAR MEETING:** Thursday, December 7, 2017, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room