

General Studies Council Minutes
April 5, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.
Warner Hall, Warner Conference Room
***** Approved via email *****

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

Absent: Tim Farrell, Kay Hodge, Amy Rundstrom

Guests: Megan Hartman, Dan May, Jacob Rosdail, David Vail and Denys Van Renen

I. Call to Order:

Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order.

1. Approve Agenda:

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

2. Minutes from the March 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):

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

Borden/Brown moved to approve sending the above course to campus for comment. Motion carried.

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

Borden/Moore moved to approve sending the above course to campus for comment. Motion carried with a minor change.

The Council suggested removing the "H" from the course so it will not be restricted to only an honors course.

Borden/Darveau made a friendly amendment to approve sending the above course to campus for comment with the removal of the "H".

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

Burbul/Brown moved to approve sending the above course to campus for comment. Motion carried with a few minor revisions being made and submitted to the Director of General Studies.

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

Borden/Burbul moved to approve sending the above course to campus for comment. Motion carried with a few minor revisions being made and submitted to the Director of General Studies.

- e. **HIST 388/JMC 388: Crafting the Historical Documentary (Instructor: Jeff Wells, Jacob Rosdail; Department: History, Communication):**
Brown/Wiersma moved to approve sending the above course to campus for comment. Motion failed. The course will need to be revised and resubmitted.

2. Assessment and GS Program:

- a. **Syllabi Review Spring 2018 Courses (Aesthetics, Humanities, and Social Sciences):**
Postponed until the April 26th meeting.

3. Review/Revision of General Studies Program:

a. College Proposals:

b. GSC Proposal:

The Council discussed the General Studies proposal for the General Studies program and the informational forums that will be held in late April to discuss the program. The open forums will be:

Monday, April 23rd at 3:30pm in Copeland Hall, Room 130

Tuesday, April 24th at 3:30pm in Ockinga

After considerable discussion regarding the current General Studies program and possible changes to the program, the Council has determined more time is needed to consider additional options for the program. The Council will be in a better position to evaluate the program once 1) assessment data is available; 2) it is determined that changes will not inadvertently cause problems for programs; 3) and the General Studies program has an upcoming APR.

Brown/Moore moved to request another year to thoroughly investigate all options to ensure the program will do what we want it to do. Motion carried.

IV. Other:

a. Proposal for Exemption of Capstone Requirement:

Borden/Moore moved to approve the exemption. Motion failed after a lengthy discussion.

Schipporeit distributed a proposal for exemption of the capstone requirement. The proposal is as follows:

Capstone: Students who have completed an Associate of Arts degree from an accredited institution prior to attending UNK or those who transfer 45 credit hours of applicable General Studies coursework at the time of admission may have the capstone requirement waived. Students should contact the Registrar's Office at the time of transfer to determine eligibility

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

V. Adjournment:

Brown/Wiersma moved to adjourn at 5:15 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, April 26, 2018, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.