

General Studies Council Minutes
November 5, 2020 @ 3:30 p.m.
Warner Hall, Warner Conference Room-via Zoom
****Approved via Email****

Present: Sri Seshadri, Sherri Harms, Jeong Hoon Choi, Miechelle McKelvey, Nita Unruh, Doug Tillman, Tim Farrell, Rebecca Umland, Jeff Wells, Joan Blauwkamp, Jeremy Dillon, Joel Berrier, Aaron Estes, Beth Hinga, Jessie Bialas, Greg Brown, Joel Cardenas

Absent: Mark Ellis, Rochelle Reeves, Lisa Neal

Guests: Jim Vaux, Amy Rundstrom, Jonathan Dettman, Tim Jares

I. Call to order: Brown called the meeting to order.

- **Approve Agenda:** Tillman/Seshadri moved to approve the agenda. **Motion carried.**
- **Minutes from October 1, 2020 meeting (approved via email)**

II. Old Business (Open Items):

- **Reminder:** The Council approved a suggested timeline for course submissions. Since this will be a busy year, we want to try to manage the workload in reviewing new course submissions and applications to gain final approval for the courses that we provisionally approved for the LOPERs Program in April. The suggested timeline is below:
 - October: Courses proposed to meet LOPERs 2, 3, and 4
 - November: Courses proposed to meet LOPERs 5 and 6
 - December: Courses proposed to meet LOPERs 7 and 8
 - January: Courses proposed to meet LOPERs 9, 10, or 11. (Including stand-alone courses for 9 and 10; courses proposed to double-count for 9 or 10 plus one of the broad knowledge categories (5-8) are requested to follow the schedule above.)
 - February: Courses proposed to meet LOPER 1 (More guidance will be forthcoming on courses for this category)
 - March: Last chance proposals to be considered this academic year (plus revised resubmissions)
- Departments that are proposing to add a new course to the LOPERs Program, to propose a course to double-count for a broad knowledge category plus LOPER 9 or LOPER 10, or to move to a different LOPER category must follow the course submission instructions - all three parts.
- Departments that are applying to gain final approval for a course that has been provisionally approved in a LOPER category need only submit a syllabus of record (Part 3), plus the departmental assurance statements. Provisional approval expires at the end of the 2020-21 academic year.
- **Information / Discussion:**
- **Is there a January GSC Meeting?**
 - Brown asked the council if a January meeting should be scheduled.
 - Blauwkamp and Seshadri both stated they would prefer the meeting to be scheduled for the second Tuesday in January. Dillon suggested waiting until the December meeting to decide the date of the January meeting. Brown told the Council to plan for a January meeting as of now and then the Council can decide at the December meeting if January meeting is necessary.
 - Brown let the Council know that Neal wants to remind them that the Portal (XX 188) and Capstone (XX 388) classes need to still be offered long enough for students on catalogs prior to 2020-2021 to complete the General Studies requirements.
- **Proposal from MATH:**

- Brown stated this proposal is a continuation of an ongoing process since 2010. Students who have already taken a 200 or above level MATH course can count it towards the General Studies program.
- Blauwkamp stated that any student coming into UNK who takes MATH 115 or above and passes it will fulfill the Math Foundations requirement and the hours will count toward the General Studies program.
- Blauwkamp/Seshadri moved to approve the MATH proposal. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**

- Review of previously reviewed syllabi that were returned for revision
- Provisionally Approved for LOPER 4
 - PSY 250
 - Dillon/McKelvey moved to approve PSY 250 for inclusion in LOPER 4. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**

- Provisionally Approved for LOPER 6 & New Proposal for LOPER 10
 - FREN 200
 - FREN 201
 - GERM 200
 - GERM 201
 - GERM 205
 - SPAN 200
 - SPAN 201
 - SPAN 205
 - Tillman/Wells moved to approve FREN 200, FREN 201, GERM 200, GERM 201, GERM 205, SPAN 200, SPAN 201, and SPAN 205 for final approval for inclusion in LOPER 6 and approval to send to campus for inclusion in LOPER 10.
 - Berrier stated that SPAN 205 has the incorrect prerequisite listed in the syllabus. It should be listed as SPAN 201.
 - Tillman/Wells amended the motion to approve after the prerequisite error is fixed. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Brown asked Dettman to send a revised syllabus for SPAN 205.

- Course proposals (review for final approval):
- Provisionally Approved for LOPER 5
 - ART 100
 - ART 120
 - MUS 100
 - THEA 120
 - Dillon/Blauwkamp moved to approve ART 100 and MUS 100 for inclusion in LOPER 5. **Yes-10/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Dillon/Unruh moved approve ART 120 for inclusion in LOPER 5 pending the removal of the old General Studies program information from the Syllabus of Record. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Dillon/Blauwkamp moved to approve THEA 120 for inclusion in LOPER 5 pending a change in wording from ‘Aesthetics Outcome’ to ‘LOPER 5 Outcome’ in the Syllabus of Record. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**

- Provisionally Approved for LOPER 6
 - ENG 235H
 - ENG 240H
 - ENG 250
 - ENG 251
 - ENG 254
 - ENG 280H
 - PHIL 100
 - PHIL 120
 - PHIL 250
 - PHIL 251
 - PHIL 253
 - PHIL 254
 - Blauwkamp/Seshadri moved to approve ENG 235H, ENG 240H, ENG 250, and ENG 251 for inclusion in LOPER 6 pending the correction of the old purpose statements. ENG 254 and ENG 280H needed no correction and were moved to be approved.
Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried
 - Blauwkamp moved to approve PHIL 100, PHIL 120, PHIL 250, PHIL 251, PHIL 253, and PHIL 254 for inclusion in LOPER 6 with corrected number for assurance, add credit hours, and catalog description, and LOPER's program purpose statement.
 - Seshadri stated the same syllabus was used for PHIL 253 and PHIL 254. Blauwkamp stated PHIL 253 is Modern Philosophy and PHIL 254 is Contemporary Philosophy and the syllabus needs to be corrected to PHIL 254.
 - Blauwkamp/Seshadri moved to approve the amended motion to include the revision in the PHIL 254 syllabus to show the corrected course number. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
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- HIST 110
 - HIST 112 (Provisionally Approved for LOPER 6 & New Proposal for LOPER 10)
 - HIST 210
 - HIST 211
 - HIST 212 (Provisionally Approved for LOPER 6 & New Proposal for LOPER 10)
 - HIST 250
 - HIST 251
 - Blauwkamp stated only HIST 112 and HIST 212 have the departmental assurance statement and the other HIST courses do not have the departmental assurance statement. Wells stated the departmental assurance statements were included in a separate document to Brown. Brown checked his email and did find the departmental assurance statements and stated that he failed to upload the documents.
 - Tillman stated he could not find a checklist for HIST 110, HIST 210, HIST 250, and HIST 251. Blauwkamp stated the only courses that need a checklist are the ones applying for new approval not the courses that were provisionally approved.

- Blauwkamp moved to approve HIST 110, HIST 112, HIST 210, HIST 211, HIST 212, HIST 250, HIST 251 for inclusion in LOPER 6 and approval for HIST 112 and HIST 212 to send to campus, pending the addition of the Diversity & Inclusion Policy statement to the syllabus for HIST 210.
 - Berrier stated HIST 250 did not have an explanation of learning outcomes. Blauwkamp read the explanation of learning outcomes.
 - Motion seconded by Berrier **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
- Provisionally Approved for LOPER 7
 - GEOG 104 (Provisionally Approved for LOPER 7 & New Proposal for LOPER 10)
 - GEOG 106(Provisionally Approved for LOPER 7 & New Proposal for LOPER 10)
 - GEOG 206 (Provisionally Approved for LOPER 7 & New Proposal for LOPER 10)
 - CJUS 375
 - CJUS 380 SOR.docx (Provisionally Approved for LOPER 7 & New Proposal for LOPER 10)
 - Dillon/Blauwkamp moved to approve GEOG 104, GEOG 206, and CJUS 375 for inclusion in LOPER 7. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Dillon/Blauwkamp moved to approve GEOG 106 for inclusion in LOPER 7 pending the addition of class meeting dates and times in the Syllabus of Record. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Dillon/Blauwkamp moved to approve GEOG 104 and GEOG 206 for inclusion in Loper 10. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Dillon moved to approve GEOG 106 for inclusion in LOPER 10 pending the revision of the syllabus to state how learning outcomes will be met.
 - Blauwkamp asked if the syllabus should be revised and resubmitted like the modern language courses from the last meeting. Dillon stated he thinks it should be approved. Blauwkamp stated her preference is for the syllabus to be revised and resubmitted. Unruh stated she could not determine based on how the syllabus was presented which outcomes were with LOPER 7 and which were with LOEPR 10. Dillon agreed with Unruh. Dillon withdrew his motion.
 - Dillon/Unruh moved to have GEOG 106 revise and resubmit the syllabus of record to more clearly demonstrate how the class will meet both LOPER 7 and LOPER10. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Blauwkamp stated CJUS 380 is not provisionally approved for LOPER 7. Brown stated the UNK website shows CJUS 380 is provisionally approved for LOPER 7. Blauwkamp stated the application is only for LOPER 10. She also asked the Council to discuss and vote on the course when they get to the LOPER 10 section of the agenda. The Council agreed. Brown asked the Council if he could check with the Criminal Justice Department to see if they want to be approved for LOPER 7. The Council agreed.
- Provisionally Approved for LOPER 8
 - GEOG 101
 - GEOG 102
 - GEOG 209

- Chem 101
- Chem 145
- Chem 150
- Chem 160, Chem 160L
- Chem 161, Chem 161L
- PHYS 100
- PHYS 131H
- PHYS 155
- PHYS 201
- PHYS 203 (Please note: PHYS 203 was not granted provisional approval in the April 30, 2020 GSC meeting, but this seems to have been inadvertent on the part of GSC. This is probably because PHYS 203 was newly granted GS approval in November 2019 and was not in the catalog or other papers being used by GSC in April 2020. The meeting notes do not indicate that PHYS 203 was NOT given provisional approval, as occurred with other courses that were not granted provisional approval)
- PHYS 205, PHYS 205L
- PHYS 209
- PHYS 210
- PHYS 275
 - Dillon/Berrier moved to approve GEOG 101, CHEM 101, CHEM 145, CHEM 150, CHEM 160, CHEM 160L, CHEM 161, and CHEM 161L for inclusion in LOPER 8. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Dillon/Berrier moved to approve GEOG 102 and GEOG 209 for inclusion in LOPER 8 pending inclusion of the General Studies program statement in the Syllabus of Record. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Berrier/Wells moved to approve PHYS 100, PHYS 131H, PHYS 155, PHYS 155L, PHYS 201, PHYS 205, PHYS 205L, PHYS 209, PHYS 210, and PHYS 275, PHYS 275L for inclusion in LOPER 8. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Dillon/Wells moved to retroactively provisionally approve PHYS 203 for inclusion in LOPER 8. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Blauwkamp stated PHYS 203 was accidentally left of the list of provisionally approved courses. Brown asked if the Council should give final approval for PHYS 203.
 - Berrier/McKelvey moved to give final approve to PHYS 203 for inclusion in LOPER 8. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
- Provisionally Approved for LOPER 9
 - GEOG 323
 - HIST 176 (Provisionally Approved for LOPER 9 & new proposal for LOPER 6).
 - Dillon/Berrier moved to approve HIST 176 for inclusion in LOPER 9. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Dillon/Blauwkamp moved to approve GEOG 323 for inclusion in LOPER 9 pending the inclusion of the required textbook in the Syllabus of Record. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**

- Blauwkamp/Unruh moved to approve HIST 176 to go to campus for inclusion in LOPER 6. **Yes-11/No-0 Motion Carried**
- Provisionally Approved for LOPER 10
 - ETHS 101
 - WSTD 220
 - INTS 200
 - Blauwkamp/Umland moved to have ETHS 101 and WSTD 220 revise & resubmit the syllabus to correct the old purpose statement and explain how the course meets the learning outcomes. **Yes-10/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Blauwkamp/Seshadri moved to approve INTS 200 for inclusion in LOPER 10.
 - McKelvey stated she did not see a catalog description or the link to the integrity policy. Wells stated the catalog description was in the first paragraph and Seshadri stated the link to integrity policy was on page two.
 - **Yes-10/No-0 Motion Carried**

III. New Business:

- Course proposals (new):
- New Course Proposals carried over from October
- LOPER 3
 - ITEC 290
 - Seshadri/Hoon Choi moved to approve ITEC 290 for inclusion in LOPER 3.
 - Blauwkamp stated she is concerned if ITEC 290 is approved for LOPER 3 then any department that has students' complete presentations could have a LOPER 3 course. McKelvey stated the syllabus clearly describes how the course will meet the LOPER 3 learning objectives. Seshadri stated the faculty has the expertise to teach the learning objectives for LOPER 3 and feels ITEC 290 meets the requirements. Brown asked Vaux for his opinion. Vaux stated he has been teaching the course for ten years. He stated students across campus take the course and the syllabus explains how it will meet the LOPER 3 requirements. Dillon asked if the course is about oral communication or information technology. Vaux stated the course teaches communication by the means of doing so through technology.
 - **Yes-10/No-1 Motion Carried**
- Brown asked if there needed to a discussion on who is qualified to teach certain General Studies courses. Wells stated the discussion should be tabled to a future meeting as it would be a longer discussion. Dillon stated there are courses that could be an issue. Unruh/Berrier moved to continue with the agenda. **Yes-7/No-1 Motion Carried (only 8 council members voted)**
- LOPER 4
 - MATH 115
 - Blauwkamp/Berrier moved to send MATH 115 to campus for inclusion Loper 4.
 - McKelvey stated there was not a COVID statement. Blauwkamp stated the COVID statement is not required at this time.
 - **Yes-11/No-0 Motion Carried**

- LOPER 7 & 10
 - CJUS 370 & 380
 - Blauwkamp/Seshadri moved to approve CJUS 380 and CJUS 370 for inclusion in LOPER 10. **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - FAMS 151
 - FAMS 351
 - Blauwkamp asked the Council if FAMS 151 and FAMS 351 could be discussed and voted on at the end of the agenda. The Council agreed.
- LOPER 10
 - MGT 230
 - Blauwkamp/Seshadri moved to send MGT 230 to campus for inclusion Loper 10. **Yes-11/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - TE 100
 - Blauwkamp stated the syllabus explained how the course would meet the learning outcomes, but the catalog stated TE 100 is for Teacher Education majors. She stated General Studies courses should be for any student and is not sure if this is a good place for the course. Unruh stated she thinks it should be a General Studies course as she has students take the course if they are wanting to be a teacher. Wells stated the course may be a better fit in LOPER 1 but it does meet the learning outcomes for LOPER 10. Blauwkamp stated it should be in the Teacher Education major requirements not the General Studies program. McKelvey stated TE 100 has been in the General Studies program for many years and it demonstrated that it is meeting the learning objectives in the syllabus. Harms stated no matter what field students go into they need to learn how to be teachers/mentors. She asked if the catalog description were changed then it does fit into LOPER 10. Brown stated the Council cannot make the decision to change a catalog description.
 - Seshadri/McKelvey moved to approve TE 100 for inclusion in LOPER 10. **Yes-8/No-2 Motion Carried**
- New Course Proposals for November 2020
- LOPER 6 & LOPER 10
 - HIST 111
 - Blauwkamp/Berrier moved to send HIST 111 to campus for inclusion in LOPER 6 and LOPER 10. **Yes-11/No-0 Motion Carried**
- LOPER 9
 - SOWK 170
- LOPER 10
 - SOWK 420
 - Blauwkamp/McKelvey moved to approve SOWK 170 for inclusion in LOPER 9 and approval to send SOWK 420 to campus for inclusion in LOPER 10.
 - Seshadri stated that SOWK 420 did not have a departmental assurance statement. Blauwkamp stated that the syllabus did have a departmental assurance statement.

- **Yes-11/No-0 Motion Carried**

- Brown gave an update from the LOPER 1 Taskforce. He stated all courses in LOPER 1 will be listed with a course number of 126. He stated right now the Taskforce would like LOPER 1 to be three one-credit hour sections with each section from a different department, ideally from each of the three colleges. Unruh stated the student must pass all three sections to pass the seminar. Blauwkamp stated the course would be team taught with a focused problem.
 - Wells stated he is concerned about the workload questions that will arise. Berrier stated many Science faculty are used to teaching one-credit hour courses.
 - Brown stated Luker, Estes, and Reeves all said their departments would help with resources and workshops. He stated he would like to have a proposal to the Council by the December meeting. He also stated Dr. Bicak does not want to extend the 188 courses for another year.
- New Course Proposals carried over from October
- LOPER 7 & 10
 - FAMS 151
 - FAMS 351
 - Tillman/McKelvey moved to approve FAMS 151 & 351 for inclusion in LOPER 7.
 - Tillman stated Family Studies has a history of being in the General Studies program and have proven themselves as an effective contribution to the General Studies program.
 - Blauwkamp stated Family Studies was in the College of Business & Technology and has now moved to the College of Education. Seshadri stated it was put in College of Business & Technology when the department was Family & Consumer Science but now the department fits better in the College of Education. Brown stated Family Studies has merged with Counseling & School Psychology.
 - Blauwkamp stated she is concerned there is no control over who teaches the course once the course is approved for General Studies. Unruh stated the Council needs to trust the departments will have the proper faculty teach the course.
 - **Yes-12/No-0 Motion Carried**
 - Tillman/Blauwkamp moved to approve FAMS 151 for inclusion in LOPER 10. **Yes-11/No-0 Motion Carried**

IV. **Items suspended pending completion of course review & Approval**

- Assessment and GS Program
- GSC Governance Document (College merger and updating GSC Governance Document)
- Review / revision of General Studies program

V. **Other:**

VI. **Adjournment: 5:36 pm**

- Seshadri/McKelvey moved to adjourn the meeting