

General Studies Council Minutes
October 1, 2015 – 3:00 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
***** Approved via email *****

Present: Julie Agard, Debbie Bridges, Greg Brown, Joel Cardenas, Tim Farrell, Kay Hodge, Daryl Kelley, Katherine Kime, Kristi Milks, Jan Moore, Tami Moore, Jon Ritterbush, Amy Rundstrom, Kim Schipporeit

Absent: Martha Kruse, Derrick Burbul, Steve Hall, Kenya Taylor, Beth Wiersma

Guest: Jeff Kritzer

I. Call to Order:

Hodge/J. Moore moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

1. Approve Agenda:

Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order.

2. Minutes from the September 1, 2015 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. TE 388 – History of Education in America (Department: Teacher Education; Instructor: Jeff Kritzer)

J. Moore/Hodge moved to approve sending TE 388 to campus for comment. After considerable discussion, the Council suggested a friendly amendment that Kritzer make some changes to the course and resubmit to Bridges prior to the course being sent to campus. Motion carried.

2. Assessment and GS Program:

a. Review of Assessment Results from Spring 2015 (Aesthetics, Humanities, and Social Sciences):

Bridges discussed with the GSC summarized assessment results. The Council discussed what the minimum threshold (e.g., benchmark) should be where students score at proficient and above. After considerable discussion the Council proposed the minimum be set at 70%. Kelley/J. Moore moved to approve the 70%. Motion carried.

Bridges asked for Council volunteers to help write up the assessment results from Spring 2015 for presentation at the November Council meeting prior to distributing to campus. Hodge and Kelley volunteered.

3. Proposed Plan of Action for 2015/16 AY:

a. Seeking volunteers to help develop a follow-up survey on student and faculty perceptions of the General Studies Program.

Kim Schipporeit, Tim Farrell and Tami Moore will assist Bridges in developing a survey for approval this semester.

IV. Other:

1. Update on Using Blackboard to Disseminate Materials for Campus Review:

Bridges reported that faculty have been added into the GS for Faculty Blackboard site. It will go live once the Council has an item to be sent out to campus.

2. Update on GS Website:

The GSC website is currently being cleaned up and revisions are continuing to be made.

3. Update on GSC Governance Document:

Dr. Bicak approved the GSC Governance Document on September 22, 2015.

V. Adjournment:

T. Moore/Brown moved to adjourn at 4:45 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, November 5, 2015, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.