

General Studies Council Minutes
December 6, 2018 – 3:30 p.m.
Warner Hall, Academic Affairs Conference Room
***** PENDING APPROVAL *****

Present: Julie Agard, Sylvia Asay, Karl Borden, Debbie Bridges, Derrick Burbul, Greg Brown, Joel Cardenas, Scott Darveau, Mark Ellis, Tim Farrell, Beth Hinga, Katherine Kime, Miechelle McKelvey, Kim Schipporeit, Sri Seshadri, Rebecca Umland, Ron Wirtz

Absent: Aaron Estes, Kristi Milks, Beth Wiersma

I. Call to Order:

Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order.

1. Approve Agenda:

Brown / Wirtz moved to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Minutes from the November 1, 2018 meeting were approved via email.

II. Old Business (Open Items):

III. New Business:

1. Course Proposals (New): Nothing submitted:

Moratorium on new course proposals for 2018-19 AY (approved at 4/26/18 GSC meeting).

2. Assessment and GS Program:

a. List of Capstone courses to be assessed in Spring 2019

All Capstone courses will be assessed in Spring 2019. McKelvey / Seshadri moved to approve the list for Spring 2019. Motion carried.

3. Review/Revision of General Studies Program:

a. Continuation of Discussions from November Meeting:

Bridges presented a side-by-side comparison handout showing new and proposed GS program. Discussion ensued regarding any items to be addressed prior to submitting proposal to Dr. Bicak.

Global component / learning outcome still needs to be addressed. Even though Globalization is in UNK strategic plan does it also have to be addressed in GS? Is the portal a logical place for global thinking? Do our assessment results show that the portal is NOT doing its job in this area? Discussion of how to proceed with Global ensued. Council decided to revisit the topic in Spring 2019.

Should there be an upper level number on PE 110 credits in GS? Darveau / Kime moved to allow students to take a maximum of 3 credit hours of PE 110 for Wellness. Motion carried.

A review of the data provided by the Registrar's Office regarding impact on programs of new GS. Discussion ensued and questions were addressed. It appears that the great majority of programs will see an increase in overall elective hours.

What type of change should this be considered according to Governance Document?
Borden/Brown moved to consider the change structural. Motion carried

Portal waiver – does this need to be adjusted? What was the original thought? Would it make sense to reduce it in the same proportion as the new GS? Darveau/McKelvey moved to reduce it to 20 hours or more GS credit accepted in transfer. Motion carried

Is there any way to transfer in the Capstone? Do all students need to take it? Could students petition the Council to have it waived?

Darveau/Seshadri moved to take the current GS proposal to Dr. Bicak. Motion carried

b. Next steps – planning for spring semester:

Bridges reminded the Council that the clock (time period for campus review and comment) begins when the proposal is distributed to campus. Goal is to send proposal to campus on January 7 with forums scheduled in early February. Current plan is to hold at least three forums and Council members will need to be present at every session.

Inquiry about the Director's meeting with FS Executive Committee. Bridges indicated it went well; basically relayed the same information that had been previously provided to FS at their November meeting.

Discussion centered on whether or not moratorium on new GS classes should be retained or whether we can accept new proposals in the spring term. No definitive answer was given.

IV. Other:

V. Adjournment:

Seshadri/Asay moved to adjourn at 4:44 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, February 7, 2019, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.