

General Studies Council Minutes
April 25, 2019 – 3:30 p.m.
Warner Hall, Warner Conference Room
***** PENDING APPROVAL *****

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

Absent: Sri Seshadri, Beth Wiersma, Ron Wirtz

Guests: Jeremy Dillon, Jeff Wells

I. Call to Order:

Debbie Bridges called the meeting to order.

Bridges welcomed the new General Studies members to the Council: Jeff Wells (CAS), Jeremy Dillon (CAS), Michelle Fleig-Palmer (CBT), and Doug Tillman (COE).

Bridges thanked the council members whose terms are ending for all of their hard work and dedication throughout their term: Katherine Kime (CAS), Karl Borden (CBT), Miechelle McKelvey (COE), and Derrick Burbul (CAS).

1. Approve Agenda:

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

2. Minutes from the April 4, 2019 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. Update on Assessment Spring 2019:

Bridges informed the Council the Qualtrics survey is out and she will send a reminder next week to faculty reminding them to complete the assessment.

b. List of Courses to be Assessed Fall 2019:

The courses that will be assessed in the fall 2019 are as follows:

ENG 102 (sections 01, 03, 06, 09)

SPCH 100 (sections 01, 04, 08, 12, 16, 21)

ITEC 290 (sections 02, 04)

Brown/McKelvey moved to approve the list of courses to be assessed. Motion carried.

3. Review/Revision of General Studies Program:

a. Review/Discussion of FSAA/ College of Ed Policy/Academic Affairs Committees' Comments on Proposal to Revise General Studies:

At the last GS Council meeting the Council made the following motions:

Brown/Seshadri moved to accept sending the current 37 hours proposal as is to Dr. Bicak, along with the college's feedback.

Darveau/Agard moved to postpone consideration of the above motion (to accept sending the current proposal to Dr. Bicak) until the next meeting on April 25. Motion carried.

The Council discussed the possibility of deferring the approval of the proposed 37 hour program for a year with implementation in the fall 2020. The deferral would provide the GSC the time necessary to ensure that students won't be adversely impacted, to get more campus input and give departments opportunity to develop / submit courses.

The Council also discussed approving the current proposal with a friendly amendment to include a provision to allow the opportunity for the Council to make minor adjustments to the proposal for approval at the November meeting.

Vote called on motion to accept sending the current 37 hours proposal as is to Dr. Bicak, along with college's feedback. Motion failed.

Farrell/Umland moved to approve reconsidering the motion to reject the 37 hour proposal and allow the Council to see input from campus on a variety of issues raised in the campus feedback. Motion carried.

Darveau/Borden moved to reject the current 37 hours proposal at this time to allow General Studies to seek input from campus on a variety of issues raised in the campus feedback. Motion carried.

Bridges will draft and send the GSC's recommendation and campus feedback to Dr. Bicak.

b. Review/Revision of Governance Document:

Bridges will add the proposed changes to the Governance Document on Campus for the Council to review with a formal vote to implement the revisions in the fall.

IV. Other:

V. Adjournment:

Borden/Burbul moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:50 p.m. Motion carried.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.