

**General Studies Council Minutes**  
**January 19, 2022 @ 10:30 p.m.**  
**Warner Conference Room, Warner Hall or via Zoom**

**\*\* Approved via Email \*\***

**Present:** Jeong Hoon Choi, Nita Unruh, Doug Tillman, Rebecca Umland, Jeff Wells, Joan Blauwkamp, Jeremy Dillon, Joel Berrier, Michelle McKelvey, Noelle Bohaty, Rochelle Reeves, Sri Seshadri, Jessie Bialas, Mark Ellis, Amy Rundstrom, Greg Brown, Joel Cardenas, Beth Hinga

**Absent:** Sherri Harms, Lisa Neal

**I. New Business (Open Items):**

- **APR-Self Study Changes**
  - Hinga stated the self-study looked good and that she made a few changes on page 2 regarding references to the accrediting body.
  - Brown stated appreciation for the grammar and spelling corrections that were made in the shared document by several Council members.
  - Brown asked if Ellis would be doing the Executive Summary for future directions. Ellis stated he will get input from Dr. Bicak.
  - The Council discussed some comments and notes for the Executive Summary section on future directions for the GS Program:
    - Continuing assessment of program going forward
      - Are goals being met?
      - Closing the loop (doing something with assessment data)
    - -126 (First Year Seminar) logistical issues, as well as some concerns about content from the student focus group discussions:
      - Not intellectually stimulating
      - Faculty (lack of) neutrality on political issues
      - Why are outside activities (personal and professional development) part of the seminar?
    - Give context, how content or logistics can be used in First Year Seminar
    - Keep in mind that we are 3 semesters into a new program, so we need to allow some time to see how current program is working. This point should tie back to assessment – what data we are collecting and what we plan to do with it.
  - Seshadri/McKelvey moved to accept the APR self-study with the indicated changes. **Yes: 12/No: 0 Motion Carried**
  - Brown explained that the Executive Summary is for Dr. Bicak (the executive) to add – the Council does not need to approve it, and then the APR self-study will be distributed to the review team.

**II. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned @ 10:45 am.**

**Next meeting: February 3, 2022 @ 3:30 pm-Warner Conference Room, Warner Hall or via Zoom**