

General Studies Council
April 6, 2023
3:30 PM, Warner Conference Room
****Formerly the Chancellor's Dining Room, second floor of NSU****
**** Approved via Email ****

Present: Joel Berrier, Noelle Bohaty, Jeremy Dillon, Sherri Harms, Toni Hill, Miechelle McKelvey, Tim Obermier, Rochelle Reeves, Sri Seshadri, Rebecca Umland, Nita Unruh, Melissa Wuellner, Greg Brown, Mark Ellis, Beth Hinga, Lisa Neal, Jessie Bialas, Joel Cardenas, John Gibbs, Tristan Larson

Guests: Jacob Howe, Nanette Hogg

Absent: Joan Blauwkamp

I. Call to order:

- **Approve Agenda:** Wuellner/McKelvey moved to approve the agenda. **Motion Carried**
- Minutes from March 2, 2023 meeting (approved via email)

II. Old Business (Open Items):

- Course proposals (review for final approval):
 - SPCH 102 for LOPER 3
 - No Comments on Canvas Discussion
 - BIOL 102 for LOPER 8
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 - Berrier/Obermier moved to approve SPCH 102 for LOPER 3 and BIOL 102 for LOPER 8. **Motion Carried (Yes-10/No-0 *two late arrivals*)**
- Assessment plan discussion
 - Proposed Revised Assessment
 - Deep Dive on sources/sections with less than 70% of student scored 3-5
 - Dillon asked why some classes showed zeros. Brown stated some labs only had two students.
 - Fall 2022 assessment report is in progress, trying to incorporate proposed assessment revisions.
 - Can GSC assist with Qualitative (reflective) analysis to find common themes? Say, 11 council members each take 1 LOPER, or teams of council members take several per team??
 - Brown stated he will work through Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 and have them ready for the Fall semester. He asked if the Council would help go through the reflective questions/comments. Dillon

stated he thinks is a good idea to have Council members help go through the data. Wuellner suggested teams of two. Umland suggested assigning Council members to LOPERs that they do not teach already. The Council all agreed.

III. New Business:

- Course proposals (new):
 - LOPR 126 PHYS/MATH/ART Full STEAM Ahead: Bridging Analytical and Creative Problem Solving
 - Dillon/Reeves moved to send LOPR 126 to campus for review for LOPER 1.
 - Berrier stated that the course is freshmen level with no prerequisites and teaches problem-solving skills.
 - **Motion Carried (Yes-12/No-0)**
- Update from Ad-Hoc committee on Governance Document? (no report is necessary, but if the committee has anything they want to share I want to make space on the agenda)
 - McKelvey stated the committee wanted to make note of guiding principles in the proposed Governance Document. The committee wanted to create a document that is organized, flows, and is less confusing. She stated the committee is proposing to change the name of the program to General Education Program. Wuellner stated the committee wanted to give the Council plenty of time to read through the document before the May meeting and then discuss it in May. Brown stated he will put the Governance Document on the agenda for the May meeting.
- Request for nominations for “Excellence in teaching General Studies” beginning next week. Simple Qualtrics form asking for the name of the person making the nomination, name of the instructor being nominated, GS course number and name, and a link to a streaming video (e.g. TikTok, YouTube, etc.) in which the nominator explains why they think the nominated instructor exemplifies excellence in GS instruction. Request sent via email to all faculty, and email sent to students from office Student Engagement.
 - Brown stated he is planning to send the link out to the announce listserv and will have Renee send it to the student listserv and will give students a two-week deadline.

IV. Other:

- V. **Adjournment: Obermier/Reeves moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 3:49 pm.**

Next meeting: May 4, 2023 @ 3:30 pm- Warner Conference Room (formerly the Chancellor’s Dining Room) or via Zoom