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### May 2024 General Studies Council Minutes

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**General Studies Council**  
**May 2, 2024**  
**3:30 PM, Warner Conference Room**  
**\*\*Formerly the Chancellor's Dining Room, second floor of NSU\*\***  
**Approved via Email**

**Present:** Greg Benson, Derek Boeckner, Steve Hall, Megan Hartman, Suzanne Maughan Spencer, Tami Moore, Rochelle Reeves, Whitney Schneider-Cline, Greg Brown, Jessie Bialas, Joel Cardenas, Mark Ellis, John Gibbs, Beth Hinga, Jacob Howe, Lisa Neal

**Guests:** Miechelle McKelvey (proxy for Kate Heelan)

**Absent:** Noel Palmer, Kate Heelan, Melissa Wuellner, Jonathan Dettman, Mallory Wetherell

I. Call to order:

- Agenda (approved via email)
- Minutes from April 4, 2024 meeting (approved via email)

II. Business

- Restructuring LOPER 1 (LOPR 126) classes
  - Benson/Schneider-Cline moved to approve the pilot of the restructuring of LOPR 126.
  - Brown stated the goal is to have one section from each college to teach a pilot course of the new LOPR 126.
  - Hartman stated she spoke with several faculty and they have big concerns with the restructuring of LOPR 126 (not feasible to remain interdisciplinary, need to have a better sense of what is LOPER 1). Boeckner suggested that next year the Council should look at changing the learning outcomes of LOPER 1.
  - Maughn Spencer stated that one of the faculty members asked if there will still be LNSK courses offered. Gibbs stated one of the LNSK courses would likely go away.
  - Brown stated that the change in LOPER 1 is in response to the General Studies Academic Program Review as well as the administrative challenges to the current structure of LOPR 126.
  - Boeckner asked how the Council would assess whether the pilot is working. Gibbs stated using the Thompson Scholars assessment structure could be incorporated as a formal assessment.

- **Yes-9/No-0 Motion Carried**

- Boeckner/Hartman moved to have the Council look at the LOPER 1 learning outcomes in the fall and revise as necessary.

- **Yes-9/No-0 Motion Carried**

- Other

**III. Adjournment: Schneider-Cline/Moore moved to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned @ 4:20 pm.**

**Next meeting: September 5, 2024 @ 3:30 pm, Warner Conference Room, Warner Hall**