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#13, Create, Course, GEOG 126, The Population Paradox: Issues in Population Geography, GEOG, NSS, This course is being created in support of the new GS Portal requirement. Population Geography is a key subfield in the systematic study of Human Geography. GEOG 126 develops students' critical thinking skills through the exploration of global issues in Geography related to this subfield.

#14, Create, Course, PHYS 115, Energy, You, and the Modern World, PHYS, NSS, This is a new class to UNK. General studies category: PORTAL.

#15, Alter, Course, Title, PSCI 140, Introduction to Comparative Politics, PSCI, NSS, Our proposal is to move this course into the Democracy in Perspective category in the new General Studies program. (It had been in the Social Sciences category.) The title change better reflects the course content for the new category. New Title: Democracies around the World.

#16, Alter, Course, Title, PSCI 170, Introduction to Political Thought, PSCI, NSS, Our proposal is to move this course into the Democracy in Perspective category in the new General Studies program. (It had been in the Social Sciences category.) The title change better reflects the course content for the new category. New Title: Democracy as a Political Idea.

#17, Create, Course, PSCI 190, Contemporary Political Issues, PSCI, NSS, This course is being proposed for the Portal category in the new General Studies program. It is a topics course; each section will focus on a particular contemporary political issue (e.g., the environment, international terrorism, religion & politics, or education).

### **Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee**

#### **Minutes**

**Thursday, October 15, 2009**

**Academic Affairs Conference Room, FDHL**

**Present:** Martha Kruse (Chair), Sylvia Asay, George Lawson, Bill Wozniak, Roger Davis, Janet Lear, Derrick Burble, Greg Anderson, John Lawless, Joel Kosch, Debbie Bridges, Kristi Milks, Kim Schipporeit

**Absent:** Cliff Summar, Jane Ziebarth-Bovill

Meeting was called to order by Chair at 3:30pm.

1. First order of business was election of Chair for 2009-2010. Martha Kruse was elected chair by acclamation.
2. Roger Davis was elected Secretary for 2009-2010.

3. Review request from HPERLS for a program change which replaces the old BS with a Major in Athletic Training with the new BS in Athletic Training. Prof. Scott Unruh explained that the CAATE (Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training) is now requiring this change for re-accreditation. Unruh noted that all of the program components are currently in place and no new staffing, courses, or expense is required. He noted that UNK is first with this transformation but that UNO and UNL will be making a similar change to meet accreditation.  
Lawson/Lear move approval.

**Motion to approve passed unanimously.**

4. Review request from CNSS for change in Major/Minor overlap rule. (See Appendix A) In response to question whether this change allows for a major and minor in the same department the answer from the Registrar was yes it does. Some observations that students would more likely take a comprehensive major rather than a major/minor in the same department.  
Wozniak/Anderson move approval of Major/Minor change.

**Motion to approve passed unanimously.**

5. Discussion about procedure for review of Items #18 through #56.  
(Appendix B) Addressing list of courses to review, the Chair noted the list included two categories of courses: Those courses with an indication that they would be considered by the General Studies Council for the new General Studies program, and, non-General Studies courses. It was noted that in formal procedural process courses come to Academic Affairs for review to become a UNK course. Once they are a UNK course they then proceed to General Studies to be considered in terms of GS criteria. The business of the Academic Affairs Committee is not to make determinations regarding GS qualifications but to review courses as individual course requests without consideration of their potential placement or acceptance as GS courses. In the discussion it was noted that the Academic Affairs Committee does not approve courses but rather colleges do that. It was also noted that a course does not become a UNK campus course until it is reviewed and approved by the Academic Affairs Committee. It was also noted that the GSC is obligated to report to the Academic Affairs Committee and that the AA Committee was obligated to review actions taken by the General Studies Council.

6. Review of Non-General Studies Courses.  
Lawson/Wozniak moved review of the "normal" course/program items: Numbers 26,27,28,30, 31,32, 44, 45, 46, and 49 through 56. Motion passed unanimously.

Lawson/Wozniak moved to table #27, an alteration of the Family Studies program. Concern focused around required hours moving up to 39 hours for the major, exceeding the cap of 36. The reason appears to be an external accreditation issue. The committee will request the department to clarify with some documentation from the accreditation agency.

**Motion to table #27 approved unanimously.**

Lawson/Wozniak move approval of the above list excluding #27.

**Motion to approve amended list passed unanimously.**

7. Review of 'Portal' Courses.  
Lawson/Lear moved review of #18 through 25 and 29,33,37,38,42,43 and 48.

Discussion again noted that committee review and approval is for courses to be UNK courses and is independent of their potential definition given by the General Studies Council. A course can become a UNK course but fail to be accepted by the GSC as a portal or any other GS designation. The review of the AA committee is not a review or designation for GS characterization. Once courses are approved by AA and become UNK courses then they go to GSC for General Studies consideration.

Lawson/Lear move approval of the above listed courses.

**Motion to approve passed unanimously.**

8. Review of "Capstone" Courses.

Wozniak/Lear move review of # 34, 35, 36, 39, 41 and 47, all of which have designation as proposed capstone courses. Discussion centered on courses on Brewing Science (#34, 35, 41 and 47) and questions regarding legal liability and whether such concern is appropriate for the committee.

Lawson/Anderson move to consider and approve #36 and #39 separately. **Motion to approve passed unanimously.**

Further review of Brewing courses - #34, 35, 41, 47.

Anderson/Lawson move to postpone action on courses pending clarification on liability issue from VCAA office.

**Motion to approved passed 7 yes 3 no.**

9. Review of Political Geography 223.

Lawson/Wozniak move approval.

**Motion to approve passed unanimously.**

Committee adjourned at 5:30pm

Respectfully submitted  
Roger Davis, Secretary

## Appendix A

### Proposed Change in Approved Program of Study

#### Current Catalog Copy:

##### Major Program

- A. A major program consisting of 30-36 hours and a minor program consisting of 24 hours of which 18 hours is unduplicated coursework.  
**OR**
- B. A major program consisting of 30-36 hours and a second major of 30-36 hours of which 24 or 30 hours (respectively) is unduplicated coursework.  
**OR**
- C. Comprehensive major of 42-62 hours.

#### Proposed Catalog Copy:

##### Major Program

- A. A major program consisting of 30-36 hours and a minor program consisting of **18-24 hours. The major and minor cannot be from the same academic department unless duplication of coursework between the two is limited to 6 credit hours or less.**
- B. **OR**
- C. A major program consisting of 30-36 hours and a second major of 30-36 hours of which 24 or 30 hours (respectively) is unduplicated coursework.  
**OR**
- D. Comprehensive major of 42-62 hours.

## Appendix B

2009-10 ACADEMIC AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING  
Academic Affairs Full Committee 10/15/09

NUMBER, REQUEST, LEVEL, SPECIFIC REQUEST, DEGREE/COURSE, PROGRAM/COURSE,  
TITLE, DEPT, COL, REASON

#18, Create, Course, BACC 110, Financial Thinking, Accounting and Finance,  
B&T, Accounting and Finance Portal Course.

#19, Create, Course, BACC 111, Understanding the Law, Accounting and  
Finance, B&T, New Portal Course.

#20, Create, Course, BFIN 108, Dollars and Sense, Accounting and Finance,  
B&T, Portal course in the Finance area.

#21, Create, Course, BMIS 190, The Art and Science of Decision Making,  
Marketing and Management Information Systems, B&T, Creating a Portal  
Course for New General Study Opportunity.

#22, Create, Course, BMKT 100, Marketing in Society, Marketing and  
Management Information Systems, B&T, Creating portal course for new  
General Studies program.

#23, Create, Course, BSAD 110, Discover Business, Economics, B&T, This is  
a new course designed as a General Studies portal course. The existing  
BSAD 100 course with the same title will be discontinued.

#24, Create, Course, ECON 101, The Evolution of American Capitalism,  
Economics, B&T, This is a new course designed as a General Studies portal  
course.

#25, Create, Course, ECON 102, Agricultural Issues for Today, Economics,  
B&T, This is a new course designed as a General Studies portal course.

#26, Alter, Course, Title, Credit Hours, and Prerequisite, FSID 404,  
Family Studies Professional Practice, FSID, B&T, Rationale is that an  
Ethics Component is added to the course that increases the hours. The  
ethics component satisfies NCFR certification requirements. Thus the  
accompanying change in course name. Remove prerequisite of FSID 280 as  
FSID 280 will no longer be taught and is being removed from the program.  
New Title: Family Studies Ethical and Professional Practice. Credit hours  
from 1 to 3.

#27, Alter, Program, BS, Family Studies, FSID, B&T, These changes will  
allow the Family Studies Program to fully align with the degree  
requirements for the Certified Family Life Education certification of the  
National Council on Family Relations. FSID 280 is not required and is  
being fulfilled in other minors. FSID 362 Families and Social Policy is  
required (previously only optional) and FSID 404 is adding an ethics  
component with additional hours. These are both required courses for our  
certification.

#28, Alter, Program, Family Studies Minor, FSID, B&T, FSID 402 was originally required so that students would have a basic understanding of the research process. Because most of the minors already have a research course in their majors, we feel it is prudent to make FSID 402 optional to allow students to take a course that meets their professional objectives.

#29, Alter, Course, Number, Title, and Course Description, ITEC 211, Alternate Energy and Technology, ITEC, B&T, This course is being proposed as a portal course in the new GS program. ITEC has had this course for quite a number of years now. It is currently a GS course. The method of teaching the course and assignments are being altered to best develop critical thinking skills for the new Portal category. The new title should speak directly to the generation of students coming to UNK and the new course number is needed for the 100 level portal courses designation. New Number: ITEC 118. New Title: Energy gone Green.

#30, Alter, Course, Number, TE 469, Psychology and Education of Gifted and Talented Learners, TE, EDUC, Other undergraduate special education classes were changed from TE to TESE numbers. TE 469 needs to change to TESE 469 for easier access for students and for greater clarity on their transcript. New Number: TESE 469.

#31, Alter, Course, Number, TE 470, Guiding the Social and Emotional Development of Gifted/Talented Learners, TE, EDUC, Other undergraduate special education classes were changed from TE to TESE numbers. TE 470 needs to change to TESE 470 for easier access for students and for greater clarity on their transcript.

#32, Alter, Program, Special Education Minor, TE, EDUC, Other undergraduate special education classes were changed from TE to TESE numbers. TE 469 and TE 470 need to change to TESE 469 and TESE 470 respectively for easier access for students and for greater clarity on their transcript.

#33, Create, Course, BIOL 102, Environmental Biology, BIOL, NSS, Creation of a Portal Course for General Studies.

#34, Create, Course, BIOL 385, Brewing Science, BIOL, NSS, Creation of General Studies Capstone.

#35, Create, Course, CHEM 385, Brewing Science, CHEM, NSS, New course as a GS Capstone course.

#36, Create, Course, CHEM 386, CSI: Forensic Science, CHEM, NSS, New course for GS Capstone.

#37, Create, Course, CJUS 111, Native Americans and Justice, CJUS, NSS, This is a new course proposed as a portal course for the new general studies program.

#38, Create, Course, CJUS 170, Women and Children for Sale: The Global Problem of Human Trafficking, CJUS, NSS, This is a new course being proposed as a portal course for the general studies program.

#39, Create, Course, CJUS 386, CSI: Forensic Science, CJUS, NSS, New course for GS Capstone.

#40, Create, Course, GEOG 223, Political Geography, GEOG, NSS, This course is being created in support of the new GS Democracy requirement. Political Geography is a key subfield in the systematic study of Human Geography. It provides students with a spatial perspective through which democratic processes are examined such as: territoriality, voting and representation, geopolitics, international relations, and the geography of governmental systems.

#41, Create, Course, GEOG 385, Brewing Science, GEOG, NSS, New course as GS Capstone course.

#42, Create, Course, HIST 100, The Viking World, HIST, NSS, The History Department is seeking GS Council approval to offer this new course as a portal course in the new GS program.

#43, Create, Course, HIST 102, Human Right Struggles, HIST, NSS, The History Department is seeking GS Council approval to offer this new course as a portal course in the new GS program.

#44, Alter, Course, Title, MATH 106, Mathematical Concepts, MATH, NSS, To avoid confusion between the titles of Math 104 and Math 106. Current title of Math 104: Concepts in Mathematics and Statistics, current title in Math 106: Mathematical Concepts. The content of Math 106 has been modified to better meet the needs of students who take the course. New Title: Mathematics for Liberal Arts.

#45, Alter, Course, Course Description, PHYS 209, Meteorology, PHYS, NSS, Change in course description to reflect modern pedagogy and content. Apply to DISTRIBUTION / NATURAL SCIENCES

#46, Create, Course, PHYS 289, Review in Physics, PHYS, NSS, Many students take MCAT exam and need help with the Physics part of the exam. The Review in Physics covers an overview of MCAT tests and test-taking strategies and physics content, with an emphasis on concepts application to the problem solving.

#47, Create, Course, PHYS 385, Brewing Science, PHYS, NSS, CAPSTONE.

#48, Create, Course, PSY 100, Mental Illness in the Movies, PSY, NSS, This course is being proposed as a GS portal course.

#49, Alter, Course, Prerequisite, PSY 407, Psychopathology, PSY, NSS, Prerequisite no longer needed for successful completion of the course. Remove PSY 270 as a prerequisite, replacing it with PSY 203 to be consistent with other 400-level lecture courses.

#50, Alter, Course, Prerequisite, PSY 450L, Psychometrics Lab, PSY, NSS, This change will make the prerequisite for the lab in Psychometrics consistent will all of the other advanced lab courses offered by the department. Changing Prerequisite from 250 recommended to 270 required.



#51, Alter, Course, Number, Title, and Prerequisite, SOWK 276, Social Welfare Policies & Services, SOWK, NSS, Changing course title and number to reflect the true course content and workload expectation for students. This course taken by junior students majoring and minoring in social work and the feedback has been consistent that course number should reflect the expectations and level that the course is taught at. New Number: SOWK 335. NEW Title: Social Policy & Programs. Changing from Prerequisite of SOWK 170 to no prerequisite.

#52, Alter, Course, Title, SOWK 371, Social Work Practice I, SOWK, NSS, To clarify course focus and content for prospective and current students. The old title is too generic and didn't differentiate between the three practice courses. New Title: Social Work Practice with Individuals & Families.

#53, Alter, Course, Title, SOWK 372, Social Work Practice II, SOWK, NSS, The need to clarify course focus and content. Old title of "Practice II" was too generic and didn't help prospective and current students to differentiate between the three practice courses that they would be required to take. New Title: Social Work Practice with Groups.

#54, Alter, Course, Title, SOWK 373, Social Work Practice III, SOWK, NSS, The need to clarify course focus and content. Old title of "Practice III" was too generic and didn't help prospective and current students to differentiate between the three practice courses that they would be required to take. New Title: Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities.

#55, Alter, Course, Title, SOWK 482, Seminar in Social Work, SOWK, NSS, We are adding the word senior to the title of the course to emphasize the nature of the course as a senior capstone class for seniors. This clarifies the eligibility of students to register for the class. New Title: Senior Social Work Seminar.

#56, Alter, Program, BS, Social Work Comprehensive, SOWK, NSS, The program will no longer require social work majors to choose or take one of the following: FSID 150 (Lifespan Development & Family) or Psychology 230 (Human Development) since the content is already covered from a disciplinary perspective within the existing social work curriculum. SOWK 474 is being removed from the list of electives, as it is being discontinued.

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#### **Minutes**

**Wednesday, October 21, 2009**

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**Present: Martha Kruse (Chair), Sylvia Asay, George Lawson, Bill Wozniak, Roger Davis, Janet Lear, Derek Burble, Greg Anderson, John Lawless, Debbie Bridges, Kristi Milks, Kim Elliott**

**Absent: Cliff Summar, Jane Ziebarth-Bovil, Joel Kosch, Kimra Schipporeit**