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General Studies Council Minutes
Special Session
November 10, 2011 – 3:30 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
Approved via email 12/5/11

Present: Sylvia Asay, Debbie Bridges, Mary Daake, Kim Elliott, Tommy Hansen, Ralph Hanson, Kate Heelan, Daryl Kelley, Ron Konecny, Martha Kruse, Allan Jenkins, Daren Snider, Mike Sutherland, Ken Trantham

Absent: Jeanne Butler, Joe Carlson, Kristi Milks, Jan Moore, Darleen Mitchell, Kim Schipporeit

I. Call to Order:

Director Daren Snider called the meeting to order.

II. Open Items:

Departmental Requests about GS and 120 Hours – Bridges:

After continued discussion, the Council made the following motions to forward to the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee in response to its request for guidance in reviewing the General Studies section of program proposals:

Motion to state that as section IX.A. of the General Studies Governance document states, “Colleges may specify courses that their majors must take within the GS program,” so the General Studies Council has no objection to programs requiring hours in the General Studies program in a way that results in the loss of free elective hours in the distribution categories. Konecny/Hanson moved, motion carried by majority vote.

Motion to state that in terms of programs that have been grandfathered into the new GS program, which require hours in excess of the maximum allowed in a particular category, the General Studies Council asks the Faculty Senate Academic Affairs Committee to exercise the same due diligence regarding changes in General Studies hours as the committee does for programs that are over the limits for major/minor hours. Hanson/Jenkins moved, motion carried.

III. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, December 1, 2011, at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.