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General Studies Council Minutes
April 28, 2011 Meeting – 3:30 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
Approved via email 6/15/11

Present: Sylvia Asay, Debbie Bridges, Kim Elliott, Tommy Eshleman, Katie Hall, Ralph Hanson, Sherri Harms, Daryl Kelley, Ron Konecny, Sonja Kropp, Darleen Mitchell, Jan Moore, Daren Snider, Ken Trantham, Ron Wirtz

Absent: Jeanne Butler, Mary Daake, Tommy Hansen, Kristi Milks, Marta Moorman, Kim Schipporeit

Guests: Marc Albrecht, Greg Broekemier, Steve Schulz

I. Call to Order:

Director Daren Snider called the meeting to order and the council approved the agenda, with allowance to move through the items in a manner that accommodates guests.

II. Open Items:

1) CAAP test in MATH 102 starting in 2013

Math department responded to the idea of using the CAAP math test for assessment of General Studies math courses, agreeing to use it with some stipulations (notably that the assessment not be given during math classes but take place in some other venue). Council agreed for director to continue conversation with Math department, emphasizing that one class period in a semester every three years would need to be given up for the administration of the test.

2) Democracy Rubric – Final Approval:

Wirtz/Hanson moved final approval of democracy rubric, including revisions to democracy outcomes. Motion carried.

3) Final GSC course approvals:

The following courses were approved to send to the SVCASA for final approval:

ART 121 Artistic Freedom, Censorship and Controversy in a Democratic Society (democracy)
Seconded motion approved. Motion carried.

ECON 388: Morality of Capitalism (capstone)
Konecny/Wirtz moved. Motion carried.

MKT 388: Emerging Marketing Media (capstone)
Eshleman/Trantham moved. Motion carried.

PE 388: Science of Play (capstone)
Moore/Kelley moved. Motion carried.

4) Items from 4/7/11 meeting (lacking a quorum) that were approved via email by full GSC:

Revised portal rubric – final GSC approval via email 4/15/11.

Democracy in Perspective rubric – GSC approval to go to full faculty for input, via email 4/15/11.

ECON 388 proposal – go to faculty for input, via email 4/15/11.

SOWK 335 must be removed from GS if it becomes renumbered to a 400-level course – approved via email 4/15/11.

III. New Business:

1) Foundational Core rubrics: Written and Oral Communication

Written Communication Rubric

Martha Kruse had created assignment options for Written Communication to be given within the last four weeks of the term with no proscribed page length. Rubric proposed to be used is the VALUE rubric from AACU, with some revision.

Trantham/Kropp moved to approve rubric for faculty review. Motion carried.

Kelley/Kropp moved to approve written assignments for faculty review. Motion carried.

Oral Communication Rubric

Communication department still working on draft. Ralph Hanson will have it ready before the end of May.

IV. Other:

Quick run-through of changes in Council membership for 2011-2012. Focus of Council's work next year will be rubrics and standard assessment items.

NCA status report sent today. NCA should have response in 3-4 weeks. Both reports will be shared at that time.

V. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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