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General Studies Council Minutes
February 4, 2010 Meeting – 3:30 p.m.
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
Approved via email 2/19/10

Present: Vijay Agrawal, Sylvia Asay, Debbie Bridges, Jeanne Butler, Mary Daake, Tommy Eshleman, Tommy Hansen, Ralph Hanson, Sherri Harms, Daryl Kelley, Sonja Kropp, Carol Lilly, Kristi Milks, Darleen Mitchell, Janet Moore, Marta Moorman, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, Ron Wirtz

Guests: Dr. Charlie Bicak, Lutfi Lutfiyya, Katherine Kime

I. Call to Order:

Director Snider called the meeting to order and suggested a few alterations to the agenda: moving the guests to the top of agenda, adding the Math discussion to the agenda, adding the College of Business and Technology recommendation and moving the capstone course guidelines discussion to the March agenda. Kelley (Moore) moved to approve the agenda as altered. Motion carried.

II. New Business:

a. Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs Dr. Charlie Bicak remarks:

Dr. Bicak thanked and commended the Council for all of their “heroic” hard work and dedication during the past year. Dr. Bicak believes the General Studies Program is the heart of the campus and he greatly appreciates all of the hard work the Council has done.

b. Common Assessment Tools for New General Studies Program (Jeanne Butler):

Butler distributed and discussed a draft of General Studies Assessment plan, examples of common assessment options and rubric. Butler discussed each of these handouts with the Council. GSC members should bring comments, suggestions, etc., about the drafts to the March GSC meeting.

III. Open Items:

a. Faculty Senate Resolution of 9/3/09:

Input from CBT about the new GS program was discussed. It was noted that it does not seem appropriate to make structural changes to the new GS program until there is data to assess. Further, any resulting changes would become effective no sooner than fall 2011. Agrawal (Eshleman) moved to send the following (based on the CBT proposal) to campus for feedback, in accordance with the procedures in the *GS Governance Document*:

Students must take three credit hours in each of three of the four colleges in their General Studies program.

Motion carried.

b. Capstone Course Guidelines:

Discussion will be moved to the March meeting.

c. MATH in General Studies:

Lutfi Lutfiyya spoke to the Council on the Math requirements for the new General Studies program. If students coming into UNK have shown proficiency beyond the GS math requirement by having already taken higher Math courses, these students should be excused from the math requirement.

“Any student coming into UNK who takes MATH 115 or above and passes it will fulfill the Math Foundations requirement and the hours will count toward their General Studies program.”

Lilly (Hanson) moved to approve the above motion. Motion carried.

IV. Other:

V. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 3:30 p.m., Warner Conference Room.