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General Studies Council Minutes
March 4, 2010 Meeting – 3:30pm
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
Approved 4/16/10 via email

Present: Vijay Agrawal, Sylvia Asay, Debbie Bridges, Jeanne Butler, Tommy Eshleman, Tommy Hansen, Ralph Hanson, Sherri Harms, Daryl Kelley, Sonja Kropp, Carol Lilly, Darleen Mitchell, Janet Moore, Marta Moorman, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, Ron Wirtz, Katie Hall (General Studies Graduate Assistant)

Absent: Mary Daake, Kristi Milks

Guests: Kim Elliott (scribe)

I. Call to Order:

Snider called the meeting to order. Discussion of common assessment instruments/rubrics moved to top of the agenda.

II. New Business

A. CBT proposal

Discussion regarding the question of having 60 working days for faculty review of proposed GS “structural changes” per the GS Governance Document. This would put the deadline for faculty comment in midsummer, too late for fall and implementation of new program. Motion to send the proposal to campus now with a particular invitation to the educational policy committees to comment, and with an abbreviated response deadline of 30 working days in order to respond in a timely way to the unusual circumstances of implementing the new program.

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

Motion carried.

B. Discussion of GS Category Cap of 10-Hours on GS Credit

Discussion regarding the question of treating this proposal as a “structural change” per the GS Governance Document. Determined to treat this consistent with CBT proposal. Motion to send proposal to campus for 30 working days for comment.

Proposal: Students can take a maximum of 10 hours from the same discipline to apply to their General Studies program.

Motion carried.

III. Open Items

A. Proposed Common Assessment Instruments / Rubrics

Butler provided feedback on her communications with faculty about the common assessment instruments, particularly after the CTE event. Butler feels it is important to involve the faculty who will be teaching the courses in the assessment process. Discussion of process for identifying common assessment and the timing of performing the assessment in the portal course (in order to set baseline data).

B. Course Approvals

Discussion will be moved to special session next week – date and time to be determined.

IV. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Thursday, April 1 at 3:30 p.m.