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General Studies Council Minutes
April 2, 2009 Meeting – 3:30pm.
Founders Hall 2147
Approved via email 4/9/09

Present: Sylvia Asay, Marta Moorman, Tommy Eshleman, Kelly Hoff, Sonja Kropp, Carol Lilly, Daren Snider, Ron Wirtz, Mary Daake, Tommy Hansen, Deb Bridges, Darleen Mitchell, Kim Schipporeit, Laurence Hilton, Kristi Milks

Absent: Vijay Agrawal, Sherri Harms, Sonja Kropp, David Rozema, John Anderson

Guests: Jan Moore and Ralph Hansen

I. Call to Order:

Director Snider called the meeting to order at 3:30. There was one short of a quorum.

II. Report:

- a. Snider reported on his visits to NSS and B&T to present the proposed GS program. He distributed a timeline (see GS website) to have the new program approved by the end of the semester in order to allow departments to plan over summer and create course proposals for the new program. It was decided also to have two open campus faculty forums for those who might miss their own college meeting. The forums will be announced on the Employee list rather than the Faculty list, so that all faculty are sure to have received it. The forums will be offered next week or early the week of April 13th. There will be an online survey about the proposed General Studies Program in mid-April for faculty to express their views and give suggestions anonymously. It is anticipated there will be an online vote open May 1st to May 7th.

III. Open Items:

- a. **Distribution Category Outcomes:**
There will be work sessions in April to discuss the Distribution category outcomes.
- b. **Portal Course Objectives:**
Portal Course Outcomes were discussed and a final version will be sent out to give the faculty a chance to comment on all the outcomes. The revised outcomes will be sent to the Council via email to approve the changes and send to campus.
- c. **Democracy in Perspective Outcomes:**
The Democracy in Perspective outcomes were discussed and it was decided to email

the outcomes to the Council for approval to send them to campus for comment.

IV. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.

NEXT MEETINGS: Thursday April 30, 2009 3:30pm, Warner Conference Room, FNDH 1000.

Thursday May 7, 2009, 4:00pm, location TBD