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**General Studies Council
Minutes of the February 7, 2008 Meeting
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
*** Approved via Email 2-15-08 *****

Present: Vijay Agrawal, Sylvia Asay, Debbie Bridges, Mary Daake, Tommy Hansen, Laurence Hilton, Sonja Kropp, Larry Kuskie, John Lillis, Carol Lilly, Marta Moorman, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, Linda Spessard-Schueth

Absent: Bethany Albrecht, John Anderson, Jeanne Butler, Karin Covalt, Tim Hruza, Darleen Mitchell, David Rozema

I. Call to Order

Director Snider called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes of December 6, 2007 meeting

Approved without objection

III. Updates:

The proposal to integrate ETHN 101: *Introduction to Ethnic Studies* into the social perspective of GS was supported by the educational policy committee of CBT, but was tabled in CNSS until their February meeting.

A preliminary written analysis by Sarah von Schrader of data from the CAAP test for freshmen and seniors in critical thinking and essay writing was received by the Council. Results and further analysis of the CAAP are on the UNK Assessment website.

Three departments (English, history, psychology) will offer Capstone courses as pilot offerings in fall 2008, and one department (music) will do so in spring 2009. The GS Council will receive feedback from the instructors of those sections to refine the offering for the future. Strategies were discussed about how to advertise the Capstone sections to students.

IV. New Business:

Members reviewed the NCA self-study for GS. Snider congratulated the Council on all the work that has been accomplished since NCA's 2004 visit. At the Council's request, language regarding the FS Roundtable process will be altered.

V. Open Items:

There were no responses from campus about the proposed objectives for Foreign Language. Lilly/Hilton moved to approve and the vote was unanimous.

VI. Announcements:

The GS website has been reorganized. The Council will look at the pages and send Snider

further suggestions.

Committee members should read 3-4 assessment reports on the GS website to inform themselves about GS departmental assessment to prepare for the NCA visit.

The FS Roundtable document will be discussed at Faculty Senate tonight. Members of the GS Council are encouraged to attend.

VII. Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The regularly meeting of the General Studies Council will be Thursday, March 6th, 2008, in the Warner Conference Room, FNDH 1000, at 3:30 p.m.