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**University of Nebraska at Kearney
General Studies Council
Minutes of the August 17, 2006 Meeting
Founders Hall, Room 2147**

Present: Daren Snider, Sylvia Asay, Mary Ann Barton, Debbie Bridges, Valerie Cisler, Karin Covalt, Tommy Hansen, Laurence Hilton, Sonja Kropp, Larry Kuskie, Carol Lomicky, Marta Moorman, David Rozema, Kim Schipporeit, and Vern Volpe,

Absent: Bethany Albrecht, John Anderson, Mary Daake, Linda Spessard-Schueth,

Director of General Studies Daren Snider called the meeting to order on August 17 at 3:30 p.m. in Founders Hall Room 2147. He thanked the members for their service on the Committee. Introductions followed.

I. Call to Order

Director of General Studies Daren Snider called the meeting to order on August 17 at 3:30 p.m. in Founders Hall Room 2147.

II. Roll call.

Director Snider thanked the members for coming. Since several changes in membership have occurred since the April meeting, the Director asked members to introduce themselves.

III. Approval of Minutes of April 27, 2006 meeting.

After review of the minutes by the Council, Sisler moved to approve the minutes of the April 27 meeting of the Council as presented; motion seconded by Hilton. Upon vote taken, approval was unanimous.

IV. Open issues.

- a. A draft of the Governance Document (8/24/06) was distributed to the Council members by Snider showing several suggested revisions in red. A Vision Statement has been added, and members were asked to consider whether or not we wish to keep it, change it, or dismiss the concept entirely. Vote will be taken at next meeting. Further changes suggested were:**

- Section I., B., 4., Roberts Rules of Order, it was decided that "Attendance" language should read "Only 3 absences per academic year permitted."**
- Section V., A., 3., third bullet should read "The College Dean".**
- Section VII., B., 1, first round bullet should read "The Department Chair (not program director); third round bullet should read "the College Dean. In the first line of the next square bullet, "course submission or" was deleted.**

- Section VIII., B., should read, “Colleges are encouraged to accommodate those students who change majors.”

The Committee will review these changes and vote upon the changes at the September 7 meeting. Upon approval by the Council, the Governance Document will be forward to the Senior Vice Chancellor for approval.

Director Snider asked the Council what the Council wished to do with the “Fundamental GS Program Changes” that former GS Director Powell had distributed last Spring. The Council asked for copies, and this item will be discussed at the next meeting.

- b. GS Assessment reports are due October 1, and the APR is scheduled for next spring.

V. New Business.

- a. Snider participated in an on-line conference of CLA???, a test of general skills. UNL and UNO are piloting this program, along with other institutions. This is a priority project for one of the UN Regents. At this point, it is not mandatory to participate, so we can participate in the pilot project, or we can decide to do something else. Snider will send a copy of _____ assessment document to committee members.

Director Snider handed out list of conferences for General Studies and Assessment in AY 2006-07.

- b. Members of the GS Council were asked to forward their nominees to Director Snider for reviewers for the GS APR by October 1. Nominees should include one outside reviewer. This will be a good review prior to the March 2008 NCA visit.
- c. The Council was asked if they would like to have working sessions this year like the ones that were held monthly last academic year, or in the alternative, would they rather utilize subcommittees on assessment, curriculum, APR, outreach, ADP, etc.
- d. A list of meeting for AY 2006-07 were approved by the Council. All meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month at 3:30 p.m. in FNDH 2147.
- e. Dr. Snider has set up a page on Blackboard for the use of the Council. He will post documents on the page if the Council would like to utilize this form of communication.

There being no further business to come before the Council, meeting was adjourned.

NEXT MEETING:The next General Studies Council regular meeting will be chaired by Daren Snider. It will be held on Thursday, September 7, 2006, in Founders Hall, Room 2147, at 3:30 p.m.