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**University of Nebraska at Kearney
General Studies Council
Minutes of the April 5, 2007 Meeting
Founders Hall, Warner Conference Room
Approved 04/26/07**

Present: Vijay Agrawal, Bethany Albrecht, John Anderson, Sylvia Asay, Mary Barton, Debbie Bridges, Valerie Cisler, Karin Covalt, Mary Daake, Tommy Hansen, Laurence Hilton, Marta Morman, Kim Schipporeit, Daren Snider, Linda Spessard-Schueth, Vern Volpe

Absent: Kyle Bowers, Jeanne Butler, Larry Kuskie, Sonja Kropp, David Rozema

I. Call to Order

Director of General Studies Daren Snider called the meeting to order on April 5th at 3:30 p.m. in Founders Hall 1000, Warner Conference Room.

II. Approval of Minutes of March 1st, 2007 meeting.

Approved without objection.

III. Reports

2007 Academic Program Review of General Studies – Final Report.

The Council discussed at length the results of the new APR of General Studies. Director Snider asked each member to share his/her initial reactions to the report and to express views about which aspects of the reports might be implemented. Discussion focused in part on the need to establish clear links between GS objectives and specific GS courses, and on the need to address pedagogy within the GS program. Further discussion considered outreach measures relating to informing the faculty and students about the purposes of GS.

IV. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

ACTION ITEMS:

Council members were requested to bring to the next GSC meeting a list of priorities reflected in the APR that they think are actionable and should be taken up first by the GSC.

NEXT MEETING: The next General Studies Council regular meeting will be Thursday, April 26th, 2007, in the Warner Conference Room, FNDH 1000, at 3:30 p.m.