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**GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL  
Meeting of November 7, 2002  
Minutes**

**PRESENT:**

**Faculty:** Peg Camp, Valerie Cisler, Sandy Cook-Fong, Randall Heckman, Allan Jenkins, Sonja Kropp, Larry Kuskie, John Lillis, Marta Moorman, Chuck Peek, Janet Steele, Kenya Taylor, Ed Walker  
**Students:** Doug Carroll, Chip Sheild  
**Ex officio members:** Jeanne Cutler, Mary Daake, Ken Nikels, Kim Schipporeit, and Bill Wozniak  
**Guest:** SVCAA Galen Hadley

Wozniak called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. in the Warner Conference Room.

**A. OPENING COMMENTS FROM SVCAA HADLEY.**SVCAA Hadley thanked the members of the General Studies Council for serving. He said that this Council is one of the most important committees on campus. He asked that the Council members remember during their deliberations to keep the best interests of the students in mind. Wozniak asked how much latitude the Council had for changing the General Studies program. SVCAA Hadley wants the committee to move forward especially with addressing possible changes suggested by the recent APR.

**B. CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND WRITING INTENSIVE SUBMISSIONS:**

**1. Writing Intensive:**

- FCSC 481, Cross-cultural family patterns (Asay)

*Jenkins (Moorman) moved to table the proposal until more information concerning the nature of the essay exams, the field tour version of the course, and other matters can be addressed. Wozniak will contact Dr Assay and report back in December. Motion to table passed unanimously.*

- FCSC 486, Families in Crisis (Curry)

*Camp (Cook-Fong) moved for approval of FCSC 486 (Curry) as a WI course. It was noted that some of the details mentioned in the cover letter did not match what was stated in the syllabus. It was also noted that if the course offered either way, it would still meet the criteria for WI. The motion was approved unanimously.*

- FORL 308, Translation I (Gonzalez)
- FORL 309, Translation II (Gonzalez)

*Peek (Kropp) moved for approval of FORL 308 and FORL 309 as WI. The motion was approved unanimously.*

- SOC 369, Sociology of Women (Wysocki)

*Cook-Fong (Camp) moved for approval of SOC 369 (Wysocki) as a WI course. The motion was approved unanimously.*

**2. Culture Diversity:**

- FCSC 486, Families in Crisis (Curry)

*Taylor (Kuskie) moved for approval of FCSC 486 (Curry) as a CD course. The motion was approved unanimously.*

C.

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **WI Cleanup (no action required):** Wozniak described a situation wherein three Political Science courses had been approved by the General Studies during the transition period when there was no Director of General Studies. However, the paperwork for these approvals was not available and thus there was no formal record of their approval. Wozniak collected the necessary information for these courses and all was in order, so on September 27, he confirmed the approval of these courses (being offered this spring) as WI to the Registrar's office, allowing them to appear in the printed course schedule as such. The courses are:
  - PSCI 280H, Special Topics (Scott)
  - PSCI 360, Topics in American Politics (Louishomme)
  - PSCI 380, Topics in World Politics (Scott)
2. **CD Cleanup (no action required):**  
None.
3. **General Studies Agenda for this year:**  
Wozniak indicated that the agenda for this should include clarification of the Governance Policy and Procedures for the Council. He will eventually present various recommendations to the Council, especially those suggested in the General Studies program review. However, since some of the decision-making procedures for the Council have only been recently approved, it is still unclear how the Council gets approval for major initiatives that significantly alter the program. Wozniak hopes that the process can be made clear this year so that a new SVCAA has the mechanisms for introducing change in place when he or she arrives on campus. Wozniak also indicated that other procedures concerning General Studies need to be clearer including the procedures for submitting a GS new course, submitting a new WI offering, submitting a a new CD offering, and appealing a GS requirement. He will bring proposals to the Council.

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

Wozniak informed the Council of a development from the Mathematics department. A new course, Math 104, has been approved but with the stipulation that it is not a General Studies course. The course is part of the reorganization (renewal) of the Teacher Education programs and will be offered

to Elementary Education majors only. It should be noted that this is contrary to a rule (established earlier) that any Math course above MATH 102 is a General Studies course. Now the rule should read that any MATH course above 102, EXCEPT MATH 104, is a General Studies course. A lengthy discussion followed concerning: (a) the informing of advisors concerning this rule, (b) whether this rule would cause difficulties for non-El Ed majors-it should not because enrollment in the course is restricted to El Ed majors only-who ultimately meet their General Studies requirements by taking the next required Math class in their program-MATH 230, and (c) the possible problems it could cause for students who start out as El Ed majors but change majors after taking MATH 104 and then assume their MATH General Studies requirement is met.

Two very recent submissions for WI courses from Economics and Industrial Technology were postponed until the December meeting.

**F. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

**G. NEXT MEETING:**

The next General Studies Council meeting will be December 5, 2002 at 3:30 p.m., in the Warner Conference Room, Founders Hall.