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## **GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting: November 4, 1999**

**PRESENT:** Dave Anderson, Charlie Bicak, Peg Camp, Dick Jussel, John Lillis, Carol Lilly, Clint Ludeman, Kim Schipporeit, and Marguerite Tassi

**ABSENT:** Nelson Cartwright, Don Envick, Sonja Kropp

**VISITORS:** Stan Dart

Interim Chair, Dick Jussel, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., in the Academic Affairs Conference Room.

- A. The October 7, 1999 minutes were approved.\*\*\*Charlie Bicak (Camp) moved to approve the October 7, 1999 minutes. Motion carried.
- B. **CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND WRITING INTENSIVE SUBMISSIONS:**Jussel recommended the following courses be approved by the Council:

1. **WI Additional Instructors:**

- ENG 304 - Grammar I (J. Damon)
- PSY 371 - Environmental Psychology (W. Wozniak)

\*\*\*Clint Ludeman (Bicak) moved to approve the above instructor. Motion carried.

- PSY 430 - Memory and Cognition (T. Watkins)

\*\*\*Carol Lilly (Bicak) moved to approve the above instructor. Motion carried.

C.

**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. **Allied Health Proposal:**

(See Allied Health Proposal in October 7, 1999 minutes.)

\*\*\*Charlie Bicak (Tassi) moved to accept the Allied Health Proposal effective immediately with the understanding that this policy affects only the four programs listed in that these are unique UNK programs in which the major is delivered by another institution. Motion carried.

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Student Appeal:**

Dick Jussel asked Dave Anderson to chair the committee for this section of the General Studies meeting. A student is appealing Jussel's decision not to grant a waiver.

Anderson distributed a packet of material regarding the student's situation. The student is a transfer student and is requesting a waiver for six credit hours. Three of which were waived and the remaining three are being appealed.

After considerable discussion, the Council moved to approve the waiver. The Council believed much of the problem was caused by the student's department, which did not offer WI courses when the student needed them. The department currently offers some WI, but like several others, still needs to develop more.

\*\*\*Clint Ludeman (Bicak) moved to approve the student's waiver. Motion carried. The action did not constitute a policy statement, it responded to a specific case.

## **2. Geography Proposals**

Stan Dart presented a Geography proposal to the GS Council. Dart's proposal is to discontinue GEOG 105 and create three new courses from GEOG 105. The three new courses will be:

- GEOG 101 - Physical Geography I: The Atmosphere
- GEOG 102 - Physical Geography II: The Lithosphere
- GEOG 103 - The Dynamics Planet: Hazards in the Environment  
(GEOG 103 is the continuation of the three credit hour, non-lab, GEOG 105 course)

Dart stated that there are several benefits in doing this, however, two main reasons are:

3. To provide a broader depth of coverage in two areas of Geography
4. Still maintain the basic and essential elements of Geography

Also, GEOG 106 will be changed from "Cultural Geography" to "Human Geography" and GEOG 206 will be changed from "Geography of Anglo-American" to "Geography of the United States and Canada." These additional courses are electives not requirements.

\*\*\*Clint Ludeman (Camp) moved to approve GEOG 101, GEOG 102, and GEOG 103 as GS courses in place of GEOG 105. Motion failed because the GS policy states that five positive votes are needed for approval (four votes for and one vote against). Bicak would like to see the proposal on the agenda for the next meeting.

F.

G. MISCELLANEOUS:

\*\*\*The meeting was adjourned at 4:45.

H. NEXT MEETING:

The next General Studies meeting is scheduled for December 2, 1999, at 3:30 p.m., in the Academic Affairs Conference Room, Founders Hall, Room 2122.