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## **GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting: March 5, 1998**

**PRESENT:** Dave Anderson, Charlie Bicak, Peg Camp, Jeanne Cutler, Mary Daake, Mark Eifler, Connie Hansen, Allan Jenkins, Dick Jussel, Sonja Kropp, John Lillis, Jim Roark, Kim Schipporeit, Marguerite Tassi

**ABSENT:** Don Envick

**VISITORS:** Carol Lilly, Carol Lomicky, Ruth Pigott, Keith Terry

Chair, Allan Jenkins, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., in the Academic Affairs Conference Room.

- A. The December 9, 1997 minutes were approved via e-mail.\*\*\*Peg Camp (Eifler) moved to move the visitors to the top of the agenda. Motion carried.

**B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Cultural Diversity Subcommittee:**

Chair, Mark Eifler, recommended the following courses be approved by the Council for CD designation:

- CJUS 380, Minorities and Criminal Justice, Dennis Brown, Joe Carlson, Kurt Siedschlaw, Reid Counts
- CJUS 401 - Special Topics: Issues in Criminal Justice - Joe Carlson
- ENG 254, Special Topics: Mexican-American Literature, Rolando Diaz
- ENG 338 - Studies in a Literary Genre - Novel - Kate Benzel
- MUS 106, Introduction to Jazz and Blues, James Payne
- MUS 107, Introduction to Rock and Blues, James Payne
- PTE 401, Multicultural Education, Tom Walsh and Jane Ziebarth
- SPAN 204, Culture, Conversation, and Writing, Herbert Craig

\*\*\*Charlie Bicak (Hansen) moved to approve the above recommendations as CD. Motion carried.

**2. Writing Intensive Subcommittee:**

Chair, Mark Eifler, recommended the following courses be approved by the Council for WI designation:

- CDIS 211, Orientation to Practicum, Lynne Jackowiak
- CHEM 480, Physical Chemistry, Yvonne Gindt, Carl Sterner
- CJUS 401 - Special Topics: Issues in Criminal Justice - Joe Carlson
- CSIS 380, Systems Analysis & Design, Ken Messersmith

- ENG 338 - Studies in a Literary Genre - Novel - Kate Benzel
- GEOG 400, Water Resources, Stan Dart
- HIST 210, Western Civilization, Mary Beth Ailes
- HIST 251, American History, Tom Clark
- PSCI 110, Introduction to American Politics, Diane Duffin
- PSCI 168H, Introduction to International Relations (Honors), James Scott
- SPCH 100H, Fundamentals of Speech, (Honors), Lee Snyder
- SPCH 457, Contemporary Rhetorical Theory, Lee Snyder
- WSTD 220, Introduction to Women's Studies, Diane Wysocki

**\*\*\*Charlie Bicak (Hansen) moved to approve the above recommendations as WI. Motion carried.**

**Jenkins gave an update on WI/CD sections.**

- WI - 148 Sections with 2,101 students up from 92 sections last Spring
- CD - 54 Sections with 1,664 students up from 48 sections last Spring
- CD/WI - 9 Sections up from 5 sections last Spring

**C.**

**D. NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. Comments from Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Concerning Various General Studies Issues (Jim Roark):**

**Dr. Roark discussed with the Council creating more rigor in General Studies courses and he encourages Writing Intensive in 100 level courses.**

- 2. WSTD 220 - Proposal to Include this Course in the Personal Development Category (Carol Lilly):**

**Carol Lilly proposed WSTD 220 - Introduction to Women's Studies, as a General Studies course.**

**\*\*\*Charlie Bicak (Eifler) moved that the GS Council formally adopt a policy to delay a vote on any GS course proposal for one month so information can be disseminated across campus and all interested parties have time to discuss the proposal. Motion carried.**

- 3. JMC 100GS - Proposal to Move this Course from the Personal Development Category to the Social Perspectives Section (Keith Terry):**

**The General Studies Council engaged in considerable discussion with Professors Terry and Lomicky on this issue. Professor Pigott, from the Sociology Department, participated in the discussion. No formal action was taken at this time. (See the**

preceding motion). Professor Terry indicated that he would provide Council members with additional information prior to the next meeting.

**4. Splitting Course Sections for WI Designation (Allan Jenkins - Kim Schipporeit):**

The Council discussed a situation in which a department asked the Registrar's Office to split a previously approved WI course into a WI section and a non-WI section. It remained one class, with both sections taught by one instructor at the same time and in the same place. Students enrolled in the WI section were given more writing assignments than those enrolled in the non-WI section. Jenkins expressed a concern that this made WI look like punishment, and asked for a judgement by the Council on this practice.

\*\*\*Mark Eifler (Camp) moved that an approved WI section, offered as a WI in a particular semester, must be taught as a WI course to all students in that section. Motion carried.

**E. OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. Continue Assessment Review:**

Tabled until the next meeting.

**2. Miscellaneous Council Comments:**

Jenkins discussed the GS Council hosting the First Friday Club at the Alumni House on March 6, 1998. Jenkins asked for volunteers to help with the function.

**F. NEXT MEETING:**

The next General Studies meeting is scheduled for April 2, 1998 at 3:30 p.m., in the Academic Affairs Conference Room, Founders Hall, Room 2122.

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**THE GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL DID NOT HAVE MEETINGS  
IN JANUARY 1998 OR FEBRUARY 1998**