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GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting: May 7, 1998

PRESENT: Dave Anderson, Charlie Bicak, Peg Camp, Jeanne Cutler, Mary Daake, Mark Eifler, Don Envick, Connie Hansen, Allan Jenkins, Dick Jussel, John Lillis, Kim Schipporeit

ABSENT: Sonja Kropp, Marguerite Tassi

Chair, Allan Jenkins, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m., in the Academic Affairs Conference Room.

A. The April 2, 1998 minutes were approved via e-mail.

B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Cultural Diversity Subcommittee:

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

- **ENG 490 - Special Topics: US in 1960's (K. Benzel)**
- **FORL 401 - Multicultural Understanding (Inherently CD)**
- **HIST 250 - US to 1865 (Frasier)**
- **HIST 251 - US since 1865 (Frasier)**
- **HIST 496 - Senior Seminar: US in 1960's (Clark)**

*****Peg Camp (Bicak) moved to approve the above recommendations as CD. Motion carried.**

Ron Crocker submitted two Music courses to be approved as CD. After some discussion:

*****Mark Eifler (Bicak) moved to table approval of the courses until the CD meeting in August. Motion carried.**

2. Writing Intensive Subcommittee:

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

- **BASM 363 - Aviation Law (Carstenson)**
- **ENG 240H - Literary Classic of the Western World (Tassi)**
- **ENG 251 - Introduction to American Literature (Schneider)**
- **ENG 490 - Special Topics: US in 1960's (K. Benzel)**
- **HIST 210 - Western Civilization (Ailes)**
- **HIST 250 - US to 1865 (Frasier)**
- **HIST 251 - US since 1865 (Frasier)**
- **PSCI 375 - American Political Thought (Anderson)**

- PSCI 468 - Advanced International Politics (Scott)
- SOSC 370 - Social Science of the High School (Frasier)
- SOWK 276 - Social Welfare Policies & Services (Younes)

*****Peg Camp (Bicak) moved to approve the above recommendations as WI. Motion carried.**

The following course has all of the necessary information except for the syllabus. Eifler will request the syllabus from the instructor. Eifler suggested the Council approve course pending submission of the syllabus.

- ITEC 408 - Leadership in Business & Technology (Tuttle)

*****Charlie Bicak (Envick) moved to approve the above course as WI pending the collection of the syllabus. Motion carried.**

The following course was denied for the WI designation:

- PSY 455 - Adolescent Psychology (Eifler would like to discuss the revision process with Krista Forrest.)

C.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Altering CD/WI Process (Eifler):

Eifler suggested altering the CD/WI review and approval process. Eifler suggested the review committee consist of two General Studies Council members, one specializing in CD and one in WI. In addition to the two GS members, Jenkins and Schipporeit would also serve on the committee.

Eifler stated that Sonja Kropp has agreed to serve on the committee, as well as Jim German if necessary. Eifler suggested Don Envick to serve as the last GS member.

Jenkins suggested the council members visit with their College and get opinions on the proposed CD/WI approval process. Faculty involvement will be reduced in the new process.

The Council will discuss this issue in the fall.

2. Miscellaneous:

Jenkins has some concerns about the word usage of "waiver". Jenkins is concerned that "waiver" may be viewed as a convenience, when waivers have never been issued on a convenience basis. However, when granting a waiver, Jenkins uses a course or a combination of courses that are equivalent to one that is CD/WI.

Jenkins stated that the Faculty Senate Ad Hoc capstone courses are currently in place.

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F. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Closure on Humanities Course Review:

Jenkins asked the Council to come to closure on the Humanities course review process.

***Charlie Bicak (Eifler) moved that a response be sent to the departments informing them that the courses have been reviewed and approved. Motion carried.

2. JMC 100 Request:

Keith Terry requested that Jenkins provide him with additional information, beyond the concerns the Council had, as to why JMC 100 did not meet the Social Perspectives category.

Jenkins asked the Council for directions in responding to Terry.

***Connie Hansen (Eifler) moved to give Jenkins the freedom to inform Terry that JMC 100 did not meet the broad social perspectives and the course cannot be altered to do so. Motion carried.

G. NEXT MEETING:

The next General Studies meeting is scheduled for August 20, 1998. The time will be discussed. The meeting will be in the Academic Affairs Conference Room, Founders Hall, Room 2122.