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## **GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the Meeting: September 5, 1996**

**PRESENT:** Charlie Bicak, Peg Camp, Herbert Craig, Mark Eifler, Allan Jenkins, Jim Miller, Glen Powell, Kim Schipporeit, Lee Snyder

**ABSENT:** Jeanne Cutler, Dick Jussel, Judy Willett, Dave Anderson

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

**A. The May 2, 1996 minutes were approved via E-mail on May 13, 1996.**

### **B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **1. Writing Intensive Subcommittee:**

**Chair, Charlie Bicak, stated that seven courses had been submitted to the Subcommittee over the summer for approval. Bicak distributed a memorandum with the following recommendations. Bicak recommended the following be approved by the Council.**

- **CSIS 230 - Principles of Programming Languages (Kenneth Messersmith)**
- **CSIS 350 - Information Systems Concepts (Don Carpenter)**
- **CSIS 496 - Seminar in Computer Science (Marilyn Jussel)**
- **CSIS 497 - Seminar in Computer Information Systems (Kenneth Messersmith)**
- **ELED 374 - Teaching Elementary School Reading (Glen Powell)**
- **PHYS 275 - General Physics (Calculus) (Trecia Markes)**
- **CDIS 362 - Remediation of Articulation Disorders (Kathryn Falconer) \*\*\*Charlie Bicak (Powell) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried. The General Studies Director approved an instructor submission this summer from Jim German, Chair of History. The course is as follows:**
  - **HIST 211 - Western Civilization (David Stevenson for Carol Lilly)**

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#### **3. Cultural Diversity Subcommittee:**

**Chair, Mark Eifler, recommended the following courses for approval:**

- **ENG 253 - Introduction to Literature: Non-western Civilization (Inherently CD)**
- **THEA 120 - Introduction to Theatre (Ellen Halperin-Royer)**

**\*\*\*Mark Eifler (Powell) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried.**

**More information was requested for**

- CJUS 375 - Comparative Justice Systems (Dennis Lund)

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**D. OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Registrar's Report on Fall 1996 CD and WI Classes:  
Kim Schipporeit distributed a CD/WI course offerings summary statistics sheet stating there is a considerable increase in CD/WI offerings.

**CDWI**

Fall 1995 - 850 Students in 19 Classes

Fall 1995 - 693 Students in 45 Classes

Spring 1996 - 659 Students in 16 Classes

Spring 1996 - 515 Students in 36 Classes

Fall 1996 - 1,406 Students in 41 Classes

Fall 1996 - 914 Students in 50 Classes

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**CD/WI**

Fall 1995 - 9 Students in 1 Class

Spring 1996 - 28 Students in 2 Classes

Fall 1996 - 73 Students in 3 Classes

3. CD/WI Web Page Update:

Jenkins stated that a page was being created on the Internet to keep current ation available to people. Jeanne Cutler is working with Kristi Milks in getting the information created and entered. The information is created, but Kristi is waiting for access approval. Mark Eifler suggested the CD/WI application forms be created on the Internet as well.

4. Council Terms:

Due to several replacements to the Council, the members and their terms are as follows:

- Charlie Bicak - Term Ends January 2000

- Peg Camp - Term Ends January 2000
- Herbert Craig - Term Ends January 1998
- Mark Eifler - Term Ends January 1998
- Jim Miller - Term Ends January 1998
- Glen Powell - Term Ends January 1998
- Lee Snyder - Term Ends January 2000
- Vacant (College of Education) - Term Ends 2000

**5. Assessment Workshop - Council of Chairs:**

Antonis Katsiyannis, Marilyn Hadley, and Rick Miller are leading a workshop on September 16 to help Chairs generate some specific criteria for their individual General Studies offerings.

**E. NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Restructuring CD/WI Subcommittees:**

While the Council needs to continue CD/WI recruitment efforts, the GS Council also has to begin an extensive program assessment this year. A variety of possible restructuring ideas were discussed. The Council expressed concerns about equal representation and continuity. The new Subcommittees will have a General Studies Council member as the non-voting Chair (currently, Mark Eifler for CD and Glen Powell for WI) and four non-General Studies Council members (one from each College) comprising the voting Subcommittee.

The General Studies Council wants the Deans and Vice-Chancellor Wubbels to be active participants in the formation of these new Subcommittees. The Council requests that each Dean submit two names for each Subcommittee to the SVCAA's office. The Council asks that the names be submitted by September 26 so the new Subcommittees can meet once before the October 3 General Studies meeting.

\*\*\*Mark Eifler moved (Miller) to move the Subcommittees outside of the General Studies Council. Motion carried.

Charlie Bicak, Chair of Writing Intensive, resigned as Chair and requested Glen Powell take over as WI Chair. Bicak resigned so both Chairs would not be from the same College.

\*\*\*Charlie Bicak moved (Eifler) to approve Glen Powell as Writing Intensive Chair. Motion carried.

**2. Response to Late Instructor Changes of Approved CD/WI Courses:**

Over the course of the summer, the situation arose where an instructor for CD/WI needed to be changed, however, the Council does not meet over the summer. Jenkins suggested that the Council plan to meet the Thursday before the semester begins as a "clean up" meeting.

Jenkins told the Council to think it over and it would be discussed at a later date.

**3. Previously Approved CD/WI Courses Registrar Listing Issues:**

Kim Schipporeit distributed a handout that lists the CD/WI courses that are approved for Spring 1997 and the courses that are actually being offered in the Spring 1997.

**F. DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**1. Summer Meeting with Council of Deans:**

Jenkins reported that the meeting he had with the Deans this summer went very well.

**2. Discussion of this Year's Goals:**

Due to the time, discussion of goals will be carried over to the next meeting.

**G. NEXT MEETING:**

Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m., reminding the Council that the next meeting is scheduled for October 3, 1996, at 3:30, in the Warner Conference Room.