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GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting: May 2, 1996

Present: Charlie Bicak, Peg Camp, Herbert Craig, Mark Eifler, Allan Jenkins, Dick Jussel, Don Lackey, Jim Miller, Glen Powell, Kim Schipporeit, Judy Willett, Dave Anderson

ABSENT: Jeanne Cutler, Lee Snyder, Katrena Feauto, Joe Jeanette, Kristin Mack, Cale Reeves

Chair, Allan Jenkins, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., in the Ockinga Center.

A. Glen Powell (Eifler) moved to approve the minutes of the April 2, 1996, meeting. The minutes were approved.

B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Writing Intensive Subcommittee:

Chair, Charlie Bicak, stated that five courses had been submitted to the Subcommittee. However, the proposals have been sent back to departments requesting additional information. The courses are as follows:

- **HUM 220 - Introduction to Women's Studies (Carol Lilly)**
- **HIST 431 - Colonial America (James German)**
- **HIST 432 - Revolutionary America (James German)**
- **MUS 447 - Music History & Literature I (David Nabb)**
- **MUS 448 - Music History & Literature II (David Nabb)**

2. Cultural Diversity Subcommittee:

Chair, Mark Eifler, distributed a report from the CD Subcommittee with the following recommendations.

- **PE 302 - Sociology of Sport (Lackey)**
- **PSY 374 - Psychology of Gender (Byrd)**
- **CJUS 451 - Native American & Justice (Siedschlaw)**

The above three courses have previously been approved by the CD Subcommittee.

- **ENG 251 - Introduction to American Literature (Schneider)**
- **HUM 220 - Introduction to Women's Studies (intrinsic)**
- **ART 120 - Art Appreciation (Boeckl, May, et al)**
- **ECON 430 - International Economics (Kotcherlakota)**
- **SPCH 454 - Intercultural Communication (Javidi)**

*****Glen Powell (Craig) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried.**

Eifler requested approval for the following instructor for a particular course. This course had previously been approved, however, for a different instructor.

- HIST 212 - Non-Western World (Pradeep Barua)

*****Glen Powell (Miller) moved to approve the addition of Barua. Motion carried.**

C.

D. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Consider Proposed Revisions to CD Application:

Eifler made it clearer that courses may qualify for the CD designation either because of the inherent nature of the course, or because of the particular way that an instructor constructs a course.

Also, the department chairs have some additional responsibilities and obligations concerning the approval process. The applications must be approved by the course's home department and signed by the department chair.

Eifler will be sending a letter to the Department Chairs explaining the new procedures and responsibilities.

*****Herbert Craig (Miller) moved to approve the new guidelines. Motion carried.**

2. Update on Report to Faculty Senate Concerning 300 Level Courses:

Bicak stated there will be a response to Faculty Senate early this fall.

3. Chair Report on CD Recruitment Meeting Held on April 8, 1996:

Jenkins reported there were fifteen people that attended the meeting. The five new CD courses that were approved above were discussed at the recruitment meeting.

4. CD and WI Requirements for Transfer Students:

Schipporeit met with the Community Colleges regarding CD/WI requirements for transfer students. There appears to be some concern on the UNK campus about transfer students transferring from other institutions to UNK. The concern being the number of CD/WI courses that are being offered are too few for these students to complete within their time frame. Students with these concerns need to meet with the General Studies Director.

Judy Willett advises transfer students to enroll in a CD/WI course each semester so they are insured to meet the requirements.

Anderson suggested getting the Deans involved and requested the General Studies Director and the Subcommittee Chairs meet with the Deans to discuss getting more courses designated as CD/WI.

5. Chair Report on Tonya Huber Meeting:

The Chair reported that the College of Education brought Tonya Huber to campus to discuss an integrated approach to Cultural Diversity. Some concern was expressed that it may not be completely compatible with the approach that the Council uses.

College of Education is trying to infuse awareness of CD throughout the entire curricula as opposed to individual courses which have CD components as a substantial part of a particular topic.

6. Development of Perspectives Criteria:

Craig discussed some changes that he would like to see made to the criteria for Historical Perspectives. On item number three, Craig would like to add (to include artistic and intellectual) after the word cultural.

*****Herbert Craig (Miller) moved to approve the addition. Motion failed.**

*****Jim Miller (Powell) moved to wait and revise all criteria once the Council has all of them from each College. Motion carried.**

Jenkins will contact Department Chairs to begin this process.

E.

F. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Consider Moving Meeting Date:

After some discussion, the Council will keep the first Thursday of each month as the meeting date.

2. Consider Complete Approval of Minutes Via E-mail:

Faculty Senate would like to receive General Studies minutes sooner. It was suggested that the minutes be sent and approved via e-mail to help speed up the process.

*****Jim Miller (Powell) moved to approve the minutes via e-mail. Motion carried.**

3. Community College CD and WI Considerations:

Jenkins stated that the Council needs to decide what their feelings are on the transferability of CD/WI. The Council needs the Community Colleges proposed criteria before considering the issue of transferability.

Because of her ongoing contacts, it was suggested Kim Schipporeit serve as the liaison with the Community Colleges on this matter. Jenkins suggested Schipporeit write a letter to Community Colleges requesting their criteria. The Council suggested sending a copy of our criteria to various Community Colleges.

4. Summer Meetings:

Eifler reported there would be several CD applications forthcoming. To assist students and advisors, the Council needs to act on these submissions before the next schedule publication date (deadline is June 20). To meet this deadline, the Council will meet May 22, 1996.

Some Council members pointed out that this was outside their employment contract. The Chair stated his appreciation for the spirit of cooperation, and promised a reward in the next life.

5. Response to Keith Terry E-Mail:

The Council determined no formal response was necessary.

G.

H. NEXT MEETING:

Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m., reminding the Council that the next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 1996, at 3:30, in the Warner Conference Room.