

## UNIVERSITY STUDIES MINUTES

February 18, 2015

Present: Alatorre, Jones, Mihalick, Sandberg, Schettler, Slagter, Robson, Roth

Excused: MacWilliams

Absent:

Administrative Representative: AVC Carleen Vande Zande -excused

Academic Staff Representative: Victor Alatorre

Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Jordan Schettler

Registrar: Lisa Danielson

Guests: Gabriel Loiacono

I. Call to order

David Jones called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m.

II. Approval of the minutes of November 19, 2014

**MOTION: Moved to approve by Mihalick/Schettler. 6 Yes, 2 Abstentions. Passed**

III. Old Business – None

IV. New Business/Action Items

A. QI – LLCE:LIB STDS 144 – Cultural Diversity in Natural Resource Management

B. QII – LLCE: LIB STDS 239 – Understanding Culture Through Humor

**MOTION: Moved to approve by Mihalick/Slagter.**

**MOTION: Moved to split by Robson/Slagter.**

**Call the vote on Item A: 7 Yes, 1 No. IV.A. Passed.**

**Call the vote on Item B: 8 No. IV.B. Failed.**

V. Discussion -

Quest II Faculty Group recommendations: rethinking of how we teach ethical reasoning in Quest II.

**To be on the next agenda for future discussion.**

VI. Items from Members

- A. Discussion about maintaining the requirement that students are exposed to all three Signature Questions within the 41 credits of USP; alternatives also discussed.
- B. In October, 14 faculty members met to clarify Quest II objectives and develop new student learning outcomes for Ethical Reasoning. The results of their work are posted on the USP Teaching Resources site.
- C. Tracy Slagter spoke about a scheduling issue that has been recently solved. Beginning in Spring 2016, Quest II courses will no longer be paired one-to-one (as Quest I courses are), but each disciplinary course will be paired with a cluster of WBIS/Comm courses taught in the same Signature Question. This will allow students more flexibility in scheduling.

Meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
April Dutscheck