

UNIVERSITY STUDIES MINUTES
April 21, 2016

Present: Jones, Mihalick, Slagter, Roth, Sandberg, Szromba
Excused: Colligan, Hones, Loiacono, McNiel, Robson
Absent: Dunton

Administrative Representative: AVC Carleen Vande Zande
Academic Staff Representative: Lisa Szromba
Oshkosh Student Association Representative: Brandon Colligan & Zachery Dunton
Registrar: Lisa Danielson
Guests:

I. Call to order
Chair, Emmet Sandberg called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

II. Approval of the minutes of March 17, 2016

MOTION: Moved approval of the minutes by Roth/Szromba. Passed Unanimously

III. Old Business –

A. Updated Course Review Cycle - *(Noted that the communication to colleges and department chairs if important)*

MOTION: Moved to approve by Slagter/Szromba. Passed Unanimously

IV. New Business/Action Items -

A. USP Leadership Plan

The faculty leadership and innovation is key to the continuation of this well established new general education program [University Studies Program], that along with the importance of rotating leadership and stability for departments the following has been determined: Upon completion of the two year term of USP Associate Director, that faculty member will then transition into the two year term of Director of USP.

B. Explore: ENV STDS 101 – Introduction to Environmental Studies

C. Explore: GEOGRAPHY 121- Physical Geography I -Weather and Climate

D. Explore: GEOGRPAHY 221 – Physical Geography II - Landforms and Soils

E. Explore: SOC 151 – Modern Social Problems

MOTION: Moved to approve by Mihalick/Roth. Passed Unanimously

F. Quest II: BUSINESS 259 – Nudging the Marketplace: Using Behavioral Economics to Improve Communities

MOTION: Moved to approve by Szromba/Slagter. 1 Abstention. Passed

V. Discussion - None

VI. Items from Members

A. Existing USP Explore courses for re-review. The committee discussed the importance of an updated form that had a place in which someone can indicate if a Signature Question is being added. Ethnic Studies and Global Citizenship will come through review cycle as planned.

Moved to adjourn at 2:15 pm by Szromba.

Respectfully submitted,
April Dutscheck