**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (GEAC)**

**MINUTES**

**October 19, 2020**

**Present: Deni Blum, Evan Davis, Jovette Dew, Cristina Gonzalez, Michael Holmes, Kelva Hunger, Amy Martindale, Mindy McCann, Tammy Mix, Haley Murphy, Marianna Patrauchan, Jeanette Mendez (chair)**

1. **New General Education Designation Requests**

**ARCH 2283** – History and Theory of Architecture II, requests the I designations, effective Spring 2021.

9/21/20 - Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2020.

9/21/20 - Members approved the I designation pending receipt of a syllabus that includes evidence that at least 50% or more of the explanation on the syllabus of what is considered part of the 50% in order for this to be assessed. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

10/13/20 – Received revised syllabus

10/19/20 – Members denied the I designation as it was not clear from the syllabus if the course met the new requirements for the international designation in that course focus is on present day/current international cultures. Members felt that this is a great course but that more illustration and detail in the syllabus in regards to how the course meets the international requirement needs to be evident in order for members to assess the international component. Any new or review course in the future will have to adhere to the new requirements. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

**AVED 3913 -** Planetary Sciences, requests the N designation, effective Fall 2021

Members approved the N designation, effective Fall 2021.

**FFP 2003** – Financial Health for Helping Professionals, requests the S designation, effective Spring 2021.

Members denied the S designation as it was not apparent that the course met the requirements for the S designation. Members were not able to assess if the course met the requirements, as there did not appear to be details on the course syllabus illustrating student outcomes in regards to the S designation. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

**HDFS 2213** – Human Sexuality and the Family, requests the S and D designations, effective Fall 2021.

Members approved the S designation effective Fall 2021.

Members tabled the D designation, as it was not clear that 50% or more of the course content was related to diversity and it was suggested to illustrate this on the syllabus in order for this to be assessed. Members also noted that the writing assignment did not appear to include diversity content. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

 **HONR 1000** – Global Warming and Human Use of Earth, requests the N designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2021. (Offered under the same course prefix/subject code and number once in Spring 2020)

Members approved the N designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2021.

 **HONR 1000** – Science Fun for Everyone, requests the N designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2021.

Members denied the N designation as the reflection log and content did not appear to reflect the requirements of the N designation. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

 **PHIL 3920** – Philosophy, Drugs, and Society, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2021.

Members tabled the H designation pending explanation of how the course meets the H requirements in the course syllabus. It was also asked if the required student feedback process in the writing assignments could be evident on the course syllabus. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

**REL 4050** – Studies in Religion, requests the H and I designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2021.

9/21/20 - Members tabled the H and I designations pending receipt of a syllabus with evidence that 50% or more of the content is focused on current/present day international culture detailed in the learning outcomes a or class schedule. Provide an explanation on the syllabus of what is considered to be part of the 50% in order for this to be assessed. Members also noted that clarification of a 10 page formal writing assignment with feedback needs to be evident in the syllabus.

10/6/20 – Received revised syllabus.

10/19/20 – Members approved the H designation effective Spring 2021.

10/19/20 – Members denied the I designation, as it was not evident through detailed/illustrated information on the syllabus that the 50% or more of the course content focuses on current/present day international content. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

**SMED 1103** – Teaching Earth and Space Science Systems Through Standards-Based Practices, requests the N designation, effective Fall 2021.

Members denied the N designation as the course does not appear to be for the overall general education population in that it seems to be an offering focused around a more specific subject matter. Member did note that this course appears to be a valuable course. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

1. **Review of the General Education Designations – Approved Pending**

**ENGL 3443 to 3440** – Studies in Film Genre, requests continuation of the H designation, effective Fall 2020.

11/8/18 - Members approved continuation of the H designation pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying the 10-page writing requirement.

10/1/20 - Received revised syllabus

10/19/20 – Members approved continuation of the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2020.

**ENGL 4230** – Literature of Diversity, requests the H and D designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2021.

9/21/20 - Members approved pending the H and D designations provided receipt of a syllabus requiring 10 pages of writing and a description of the referenced reading journal. Journaling is not considered formal writing and does not count towards the overall writing requirements. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

10/12/20 - Received revised syllabus.

10/19/20 – Members approved the H and D designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2021.

1. **Review of the “H” General Education Designations – Tabled Pending**

**HIST 3633** – Early National Period - 1787-1828, requests continuation of the H designation, effective Fall 2020.

2/14/19 - Members tabled continuation of the H designation pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying the 10 page writing requirements.

10/1/20 - Received revised syllabus.

10/19/20 – Members approved continuation of the H designation, effective Fall 2020.

**HIST 4353** – American Military History, requests continuation of the H designation, effective Fall 2020.

3/14/19 - Members tabled pending clarification of the 10 page writing assignment on the syllabus.

10/1/20 – Received revised syllabus.

10/19/20 – Members approved continuation of the H designation pending receipt of a syllabus that includes the specific details of the essay assignments in order to assess if the writing meets the requirements.

**HIST 4493** – Frontier in American Memory, requests continuation of the D designation, effective Fall 2020.

3/14/20- Approved continuation of the H designation.

3/14/20 - Tabled the D designation pending clarification on the syllabus that 50% or more of the course content covers diversity issues.

10/1/20 – Received revised syllabus.

10/19/20 – Members denied continuation of the D designation, effective Fall 2021. Members noted that it is not clear from the course syllabus if the course meets the requirements for the D designation and noted that any revised syllabus would need to include specific details and illustration or constructive criticism as to how the course meets the D designation,. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

**MUSI 3543** – Music and Culture of Italy, requests continuation of the H and I designations, effective Fall 2020.

4/11/19 - Members tabled continuation of the H and I designations as it was unclear if the course content met the requirements for the H and I designations. It was also asked that the writing requirements have more detailed to reflect a due date and if the required instructor feedback is provided on the writing assignments.

10/14/20 – Received revised syllabus.

10/19/20 - Members tabled continuation of the H and I designations, as it is unclear if the course content met the requirements for the H and I designations. Members asked that the course syllabus include details/illustration on the syllabus schedule of how the course meets the 50% requirement for the international requirements and what would be related to present day/current international culture. Members also asked that syllabus reflect emphasis on both the H and I designations in the writing assignments.

**MUSI 3583** – Traditional World Music, requests continuation of the H and I designations, effective Fall 2020.

4/11/19 - Members tabled the H and I designations, as it was unclear if the course content met the requirements for the designations in that 50% or more of the course should focus on international contemporary culture. It was also asked that the writing requirements contain more detailed to reflect a due date and if the required instructor feedback is provided on the assignment.
11/2/19 - Received revised syllabus.

11/22/19 - Members tabled pending evidence that the course reflects the requirements of the H and I designations particularly in regards to the I designation in today’s culture.

10/1/20 – Received revised syllabus.

10/19/20 – Members approve continuation the H designation effective Fall 2020

10/19/20 - Members denied continuation of the I designation effective Fall 2021. It is not clear if the course relates to present/current day international culture. Members noted that the application could be resubmitted to include a section in the syllabus that articulates the direct correlation with the present day/ current international requirements that would benefit the students. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

**REL 3223** – The Teachings of Jesus in Historical Context, requests continuation of the H designation, effective Fall 2020.

4/11/19 - Members tabled pending clarification of the 10-page writing requirement on the syllabus.

9/21/20 - Members tabled pending receipt of a class schedule in order to determine if the course meets the requirements of the H designation. Provide an explanation on the syllabus of what is considered part of the 50% in order for this to be assessed. The revised syllabus should be received by October 12th. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

10/1/20 – Received revised syllabus.

10/19/20 – Members approved continuation of the H designation, effective Fall 2020

**REL 3313 to 4113** – Islam: History, Culture and Beliefs, requests continuation of the H and I designations, effective Fall 2020.

4/11/19 - Members tabled pending clarification, on the course syllabus schedule, that 50% or more of the course content focuses on contemporary international cultures.

9/3/20 – Received revised syllabus.

9/21/20 - Members tabled pending detailed clarification in the course schedule that 50% or more of the course content focus is on current/present day international cultures for the I designation. Provide explanation on the syllabus of what is considered part of the 50%. It is suggested to add more detail to the class schedule in order for this to be assessed. The revised syllabus should be received by October 12th. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

10/3/20 – Received revised syllabus.

10/19/20 – Members approved continuation of the H and I designations, effective Fall 2020.