

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, September 19, 2005  
2:00 – 3:30 pm  
101 Whitehurst Conference Room**

Present: Joe Fowler, Jon Comer, Jason Lavery, Mark White, Nigel Jones, Pam Bowers, Hebbie Purvis, John Steinbrink, Roger Zierau, Shiretta Ownbey, and Gail Gates.

**1. Introduction of New Members**

Members introduced themselves.

**2. New General Education Designation Requests:**

HDFS 320388 – Children’s Play: A World Perspective, request “I” designation, effective Spring 2006.

**Denied “I”, not clear how this course fulfills criteria and goals of general education, syllabus and form are not consistent (for example, prerequisite), and lacks clarity in regards to the writing assignments.**

PHIL 39209 – Creation and Evolution, request “H” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2006.

**Approved “H”, effective Spring 2006, one-time only.** GEAC members request that the department create a permanent course number because this course has been offered for several years as a zero ending course.

PHIL 3920111 – Environmental Ethics, request “H” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2006.

**Approved “H”, effective Spring, 2006, one-time only.** GEAC members request that the department create a permanent course number because this course has been offered for several years as a zero ending course.

PHIL 3920351 – Early American Philosophy, request “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2005.

**Denied “H”, must be approved by the General Education Council before the class meets.**

POLS 3353 – Political Parties & Interest Groups, requests “S” designation, effective Fall 2006. (POLS dropped graduate credit F05)

**Denied “S”, the instructor did not clearly describe how the course meets the criteria and goals for an “S” course, syllabus and form differ, and the syllabus refers to course requirements for graduate students.**

POLS 3483 – American Presidency, request “S” designation, effective Fall 2006. (POLS dropped graduate credit F05)

**Denied “S”, the instructor did not clearly describe how the course meets the criteria and goals for an “S” course, syllabus and form differ, and the syllabus refers to course requirements for graduate students.**

**Requesting removal of General Education Designation, effective Fall 2006:**

POLS 4213, request to drop “S” designation.

POLS 4353, request to drop “S” designation.

POLS 4363, request to drop "S" designation.  
POLS 4403, request to drop "S" designation.  
POLS 4593, request to drop "S" designation.  
POLS 4713, request to drop "S" designation.  
POLS 4913, request to drop "S" designation.

**3. Proposed Diversity Course**

Dr. Gates provided a printout of courses from the general education database that were reviewed last year. Instructors were asked to indicate how frequently students demonstrate an understanding of people of other cultures, ethnic backgrounds, religions, or with values different from their own to successfully complete activities or assignments. Dr. Gates noted that faculty have suggested adding a diversity course to the general education curriculum and asked the members to consider adding an additional designation of "D" or eliminating the "I" and incorporating the international component in a broader "D" designation.

Dr. Gates asked members to consider the criteria and goals for a diversity course. Dr. Cornell Thomas, Vice President for Institutional Diversity, will come to the next meeting to discuss a proposed diversity course.

**4. Other Business**

SPCH 2713, Introduction to Speech, Spring 2005 request to continue "S" designation. Council tabled the request to Fall 2005. The department was asked to submit a more complete explanation of how the course meets criteria and goals for an "S" course.

**Dr. Gates will contact the department and this will be addressed in the next meeting.**

**Adjourn: 3:30 p.m.**