

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES**

**Thursday, September 21, 2006
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
101 Whitehurst Conference Room**

Present: Pam Bowers, Pam Brown, Jon Comer, Janice Jadow, Nigel Jones, Jason Lavery, Barbara Stoecker, Susan Weir, Mark White, Roger Zierau, and Gail Gates.

1. New General Education Designation Requests

AG 30802 – Agriculture & Natural Resources of Thailand, request “I” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2007.

Approved “I”, one-time only, effective Spring 2007. Committee members suggested adding this request to the website as a model request for the “I” designation for study abroad trips.

GEAC members request that the department create a permanent course number for this class because this course has been offered for several years as a zero ending course.

HIST 3980373 – Beer and Bread—Food in Pre-Indust Europe, request “H” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2007.

Approved “H”, one-time only, effective Spring 2007. For future reviews there should be more information explaining how this course meets the criteria and goals for a humanities course.

HIST 3980374 – Scandinavia Since 1500, requests “H, I” designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2007.

Approved “H, I”, one-time only, effective Spring 2007 and approval will transfer to HIST 3493 effective Fall 2007.

HONR 3043 – Contemporary Cultures of the United States, request “S” designation, effective Spring 2007.

HONR 3043 was changed to HONR 3000 in the database because HONR 3043 had not been approved by the college.

HONR 3000, approved “S”, effective Spring 2007 and approval will transfer to HONR 3043 after college approval effective Fall 2007.

PHIL 392033 – Philosophy, Genocide, and the Holocaust, requests “H, I” designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2007.

Approved “H, I”, one-time only, effective Spring 2007.

Courses Resubmitted

AGED 23031 – Personal Leadership Development, request “S” designation, effective Spring 2007.

Denied “S”, course does not meet the criteria of an “S” designation.

General Education Five Year Review of “N” and “N, L” Designations

BOT 3005 – Field Botany, request “N” designation, effective Fall 2006.

Discontinue “N”, effective Fall 2007. Writing assignment is not clear, form indicates 7 essays for field trips, but syllabus indicates no writing (please note, lab reports, homework, or essay examinations may be considered “written work appropriate to the discipline”).

GEOL 11141 – Physical Geology, request “N, L” designations, effective Fall 2006.

Continue “N, L”, effective Fall 2006.

GEOL 30431 – Scenic Geologic Regions, request, “N” designation, effective Fall 2006.

Continue “N”, effective Fall 2006.

MICR 1513 – Inquiry-Based Biology, requests “N, L” designations, effective Fall 2006.

Continue “N, L”, effective Fall 2006.

2. Proposed Diversity Assessment – Jon Comer

Dr. Comer noted that during the past summer the goal for the assessment committee was to develop a rubric to assess diversity courses as they would a writing component but the committee found few courses with an assignment on diversity to assess. The committee is looking for more artifacts to assess this year.

3. Proposed Diversity Course

Diversity – (D)

1. Criteria:

- a. Courses designated “D” emphasize one or more socially constructed groups (e.g. racial, ethnic, religious, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation) in the United States.
- b. At least one half of the course must relate to these groups.

2. Goals:

- a. Students will critically analyze historical and contemporary examples of socially constructed groups in American society or culture.
- b. Students will critically analyze the distribution of political, economic, and/or cultural benefits and opportunities afforded to these groups.
- c. Students will understand how these groups relate to the student’s academic discipline and American culture.
- d. Students will demonstrate their understanding through written work that provides them the opportunity to enhance their writing skills; upper division “D” courses will include extensive written work.

Diversity courses may also carry an “S” or “H” designation.

Dr. Gates asked if the designation “I, D” should be allowed and the council noted that the designations should be separate. All members approved the “D” diversity designation to be required for the 2008 – 2009 degree sheets and recommended that departments consider adding the “D” designation to the 2007 – 2008 degree sheets. Diane Jones will work with IT to get the new designation added to the General Education database. After it is added there will be a call for departments to submit courses to receive the “D” designation.

4. Other Business

Pam Bowers distributed flyers for the October 19th diversity workshop and encouraged participation.

Adjourn: 11:15 a.m.