

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 8, 2007
2:00 – 3:30 p.m.
101 Whitehurst Conference Room**

Present: Pam Bowers, Pam Brown, Jon Comer, Joe Fowler, Gail Gates, Barbara Stoecker, Susan Weir, Mark White, and Greg Wilber.

1. New General Education Designation Requests

LA 4990 – Japan Design Study Program, request “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2007.

GEAC members approved by email the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2007. 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.

AMST 3333 – Crime, Law, and American Culture, request “S” designation, effective Fall 2007.

Approved “S” designation, effective Fall 2007.

ENGL 3200 – Problems in English: Biology, Joyce, and Irish Colonial Experience, request “H and I” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2007. Crosslisted with PHIL 3920.

Approved “H and I” designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2007.

HIST 3980 – Desolation Canyon, request “H” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2007.

Denied “H” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2007. It is not clear that the course meets the criteria of an “H” designation and request clarification to support an “H” designation or submit the request for an “S” or “N” designation. It is not clear how the course will achieve the “H” goals of “critically analyzing the relationships of aesthetics, ideas, or cultural values to historic and contemporary cultures” or “developing an understanding of how ideas, events, acts, or texts shape diverse individual identities”.

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PHIL 3920.600 – Contemporary Philosophical Problems: Biology, Joyce, and Irish Colonial Experience, request “H and I” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2007. Crosslisted with ENGL 3200.

Approved “H and I” designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2007.

PHIL 3920.920 - Contemporary Philosophical Problems: Ethics and International Justice, request "H and I" designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2007.

Denied "H and I" designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2007, because the form indicates the course is offered for graduate credit and it is not "intended to meet the needs of students in all disciplines".

2. General Education Assessment Report – Pam Bowers and Greg Wilber

Copies of the General Education Assessment Report were distributed and Dr. Wilber asked council for input and recommendations. There is a meeting scheduled for April 6th from 12:00 – 2:00 p.m. in the Oklahoma Room, 211 Student Union and Pam Bowers hopes for the Assessment and General Education groups to provide feedback regarding the general education assessment process and suggest action for the future. Dr. Wilber said that the committee has developed a diversity rubric and is desperate for artifacts and indicated that faculty may receive stipends for developing critical writing assignments. Members noted that freshman composition courses at OSU do not address style and mechanics, the lowest rated subscore in the writing assessment.

Diane is to send out an electronic copy of the report.

3. Proposed Revision of Policy and Procedure Letter 2-0212

"Modifying the List of Approved General Education Courses"

Dr. Gates drafted a revised University Policy and Procedure for General Education courses and asked that the council review the revisions and provide feedback. Members suggested adding English Composition, Political Science and History to the policy and referring to the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education's policy on general education. The council will discuss and provide final approval in our next meeting.

4. Other Business

Dr. Gates shared a list of courses that had been submitted for the "D" diversity designation and members asked if History 1103 should have been submitted. Susan Weir called the department and it was found that it was submitted in error.

Adjourn: 3:30 p.m.