

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 4, 2007
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
101 Whitehurst Conference Room**

**Present: Pam Bowers, Jon Comer, Joe Fowler, Nigel Jones, Jason Lavery, Hebbie Purvis,
Barbara Stoecker, Susan Weir, Mark White, Roger Zierau, and Gail Gates.**

1. New General Education Designation Requests

EDUC 4443 – Cultural Diversity in Professional Life, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.

Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.

ENGR 4133 – Environmental Regulation for Technical Professionals, request “S” designation, effective Fall 2007.

Approved “S” designation, effective Fall 2007 pending clarification of the writing requirements (the form and syllabus do not match).

GEOG 3123 – Urban Geography, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “S” designation.

Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.

GEOG 3713 – Geography of the United States and Canada, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “S” designation.

Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.

HIST 3133 – African Diapora History, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “H” designation.

Denied “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. It is not clear that at least half the course content relates to socially constructed groups in the United States or if the course should be submitted as an “International Dimension” course. The form and syllabus were not consistent in regards to the writing requirements.

HIST 3653 – Civil War and Reconstruction, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “H” designation.

Denied “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. The syllabus does not indicate that at least 50% of the course relates to socially constructed groups in the United States. Members suggested that at least one assignment related to diversity be used in the class.

HIST 3673 – US History 1919 to 1945, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “H” designation.

Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2007 pending revisions to the form or syllabus (writing assignments should be consistent).

HIST 3683 – US History Since 1945, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “H” designation.

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2007.

HIST 3763 – History of the American Southwest, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “H” designation.
Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2007 pending clarification of the writing (the form and syllabus are inconsistent in regards to the writing requirements).

HIST 3773 – Old South, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “H” designation.
Denied “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Members indicated that it was not clear if 50% of the course is related to socially constructed groups in the United States and suggested that at least one assignment related to diversity be used in the class. The form and syllabus are inconsistent in regards to the writing requirements.

HIST 4153 – African American History 1619 to 1865, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “H” designation.
Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.

HIST 4163 – African American History 1865 to 1954, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “H” designation.
Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.

HIST 4173 – Black Intellectual History, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “H” designation.
Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.

HIST 4553 – Gender in America, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “H” designation.
Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.

HONR 3043 – Contemporary Culture of the United States, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “S” designation.
Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.

LA 4990 – Peru Study Abroad Travel Studio, request “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2007.
Approved “I” designation, effective Fall 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.

MUSI 3573 – America’s Ethnic Music, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “H” designation.
Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.

POLS 2023 – Public Law and Private Rights, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “S” designation.
Denied “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. It is unclear if 50% of the course relates to socially constructed groups in the United States and members suggested that at least one assignment related to diversity be used in the class.

POLS 3953 – Minorities in the American Political System, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “S” designation.
Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.

POLS 3973 – Race Politics and Sports, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.
Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.

SOC 3213 – American Society and Culture, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007.
Course presently carries an “S” designation.
Denied “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. It is unclear if 50% of the course relates to socially constructed groups in the United States. The answers to the questions on the form are all the same. Members suggested using at least one assignment related to diversity in the class.

SOC 4043 – Gender and Work, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. Course presently carries an “S” designation.
Denied “D” designation, effective Fall 2007. It is unclear if 50% of the course relates to socially constructed groups in the United States or if the course should be resubmitted as an “International Dimension” course. The answers to the questions on the form are all the same.

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

“Modifying the List of Approved General Education Courses”

1.01 - Members suggested using a different wording for “English Composition” [OSRHE specifies “English Composition” courses] and to add an “s” to course for “liberal arts and sciences courses”

1.02 – Members suggested removing the word “under the auspices of” and replace it with “by”; remove “whether” and replace it with “if”; remove “the requested” and add an “s” to course in “general education courses”; and remove “designations. The council also suggested adding the word “the” between meet and general in the last sentence.

Members approved the Policy and Procedure Letter as amended.

3. Other Business

Reminder: April 6th meeting, 12:00 – 1:30 with Assessment Council and General Education Assessment Committee to discuss general education assessment.

Adjourn: 2:30 p.m.