

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

February 13, 2009

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

204 Whitehurst

Present: Pam Brown, Jon Comer, Theo Drab, Bob Miller, Michael Rabens, Chris Ray, Chuck Tauer, Ed Walkiewicz, Arthur Webb, Mark Weiser, and Gail Gates.

1. New General Education Designation Requests

AMST 3503 – Television and American Society, request “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2009 pending clarification of writing requirements and correction of the inconsistencies between the on-line form and syllabus.

AMST 3513 – Film and American Society, request “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2009 pending clarification of writing requirements and correction of the inconsistencies between the on-line form and syllabus.

AMST 3653 – The Body in American Culture, request “H, D” designations, effective Fall 2009.

Denied “H, D” designations. It is not clear if the course meets the criteria for an “H” designation and

AMST 4593 – American in International Perspective, request “H, I” designations, effective Fall 2009. Crosslisted with **HIST 4593**.

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2009 pending clarification of writing requirements and correction of the inconsistencies between the on-line form and syllabus.

Denied “I”, at least one half of the course does not appear to relate to contemporary international cultures (emphasis appears to be on US rather than other cultures).

ART 3713 – Early Medieval Art, request “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2009 pending clarification of writing requirements and the on-line form and syllabus are inconsistent in regards to the writing requirements.

ART 3723 - Late Medieval Art, request “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2009 pending clarification of writing requirements and the on-line form and syllabus are inconsistent in regards to the writing requirements.

ART 3733 – History of Latin American Art I, request “H, I” designations, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Denied “I”, at least one half of the course does not emphasize contemporary international cultures (ends with 18th century).

ART 3743 – History of Latin American Art II, request “H, I” designations, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H, I” designations, effective Fall 2009.

ENTO 2223 – Insects and Public Health, request “N” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “N” designation, effective Fall 2009.

ENTO 2992 – Introduction to the Science of Entomology, request “L” designation, effective Spring 2009.

Denied “L” designation, the course is not a lab course.

GREK 4113 – Greek Literature in Translation, request “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

GWST 3513 – Gender and Sexuality, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2009.

GWST 3613 – Race and Reproduction in the US, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2009.

GWST 3713 – Gender and Representation, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2009.

HIST 3153 – Russia to 1861, request “I” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Denied “I”, at least one half of the course does not emphasize contemporary international cultures (ends in 1861).

HIST 3793 – Indians in America, request “H, D” designations, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H, D” designations, effective Fall 2009.

HIST 4273 – American Foreign Relations Since 1917, request “I” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Denied “I”, at least one half of the course does not emphasize contemporary international cultures (emphasis appears to be on US rather than other cultures).

HIST 4453 – History and Film, request “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

HIST 4493 – Frontier in American Memory, request “H, D” designations, effective Summer 2009.

Approved “H, D” designations, effective Summer 2009.

HIST 4563 – The Cold War, request “I” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “I” designation, effective Fall 2009.

HIST 4593 – America in International Perspective, request “H, I” designations, effective Fall 2009. Crosslisted with **AMST 4593**.

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2009 pending clarification of writing requirements and correction of the inconsistencies between the on-line form and syllabus.

Denied “I”, at least one half of the course does not appear to relate to contemporary international cultures (emphasis appears to be on US rather than other cultures).

LA 4053 – International Experience in Landscape Architecture Japan, request “I” designation, effective Summer 2009.

Approved “I” designation, effective Summer 2009.

LA 4063 – International Experience in Landscape Architecture Peru, request “I” designation, effective Summer 2009.

Approved “I” designation, effective Summer 2009.

LATN 4113 – Latin Literature in Translation, request “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

PHIL 1113 – Introduction to Philosophy, request “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

PHIL 3920 – Applied Ethics in Contemporary American Film, request “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2009 pending correction of form. The form indicates that the course carries graduate credit and the course does not intend to meet the needs of students in all disciplines with out requiring extensive specialized skills.

POLS 3163 – Politics of Africa, request “I” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “I” designation, effective Fall 2009 pending clarification of the writing assignments. It is not clear if students are provided an opportunity to receive feedback on writing assignments.

POLS 4653 – Contemporary Political Thought, request “I” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Denied “I”, at least one half of the course does not emphasize contemporary international cultures and the writing assignments are not clear.

REL 3573 – Religions of Native Americans, request “D” designation, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2009.

2. Course Action Requests Submitted Requesting to Drop the Following Courses:

AMST 3443 - Studies in Film Genre, presently carries the “H” designation, course dropped effective Fall 2009. Crosslisting with **ENGL 3443** has been dropped.

Approved dropping the “H” designation, effective Fall 2009.

POLS 3063 – Civilization, Empire and Change in World Politics, presently carries the “S, I” designations, course dropped effective Fall 2009.

Approved dropping the “S, I” designation, effective Fall 2009.

POLS 3233 – Chinese Politics, presently carries the “S, I” designations, course dropped effective Fall 2009.

Approved dropping the “S, I” designation, effective Fall 2009.

POLS 4123 – The Politics of Globalization, presently carries the “S” designation, course dropped effective Fall 2009.

Approved dropping the “S” designation, effective Fall 2009.

POLS 4133 – Politics and Political Economy in the European Union, presently carries the “I” designation, course dropped effective Fall 2009.

Approved dropping the “I” designation, effective Fall 2009.

3. Other

Appeal from Department - RUSS 3123 – Russian Culture and Civilization

I am writing to appeal the decision of the General Education Committee dated 21 April 2008 and denying the H designation for the course Russian Culture and Civilization (RUSS 3123). I am requesting that the committee re-examine this issue in light of the revised requirements for the course as reflected in the course syllabus for the current (Fall 2008) semester.

In particular I am requesting that the committee note that this course facilitates the students’ ability to communicate with peoples of other societies through critical analysis of the historical events, artistic phenomena and literary texts which inform contemporary Russian cultural identity. Students write term papers (see appended list of topics) which are presented to the instructor after the Fall or Spring term break. Student and instructor subsequently discuss the arguments, methods and verbal expression in the term paper. Papers are revised incorporating suggestions resultant from this conference. The contents of this discussion generates a series of questions relating to the particular research project which each student will answer on the final exam for the course. Furthermore, students who miss classes are required to submit two-page papers and ten questions relevant to the topic of the missed class session (due one week after the missed class session).

Sincerely,

Dr. Keith Tribble
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Members voted to reinstate the “H” designation, effective Spring 2009.

Dr. Gates noted that in the next meeting members will discuss how to ask faculty members to provide artifacts for assessment of general education courses.

The council will review the “S” designations in the fall.

Adjourn: 3:55 p.m.