

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 10, 2009

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

101 Whitehurst

Present: Michael Rabens, Chris Ray, Chuck Tauer, Ed Walkiewicz, Martin Wallen, Jeretta Nord and Jon Comer (replacement chair for Dr. Gates).

1. New General Education Designation Requests

AG 3080 – Culture and Agriculture of Ireland, request “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2009.

Approved “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2009.

AG 3080 – Culture and Agriculture of Italy, request “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2009.

Approved “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2009.

AG 3080 – Balancing Environmental and Agriculture Sustainability in China, request “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2009.

Approved “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2009.

AG 3080 – New Zealand the Long White Cloud, request “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2009.

Approved “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2009.

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

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

AMST 4593 - American in International Perspective, request “I” designation, effective Fall 2009. Crosslisted with **HIST 4593**.

Denied “I” designation, 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).

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

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

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

Denied “I” designation, 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).

PHIL 3920 – Ethics, War and Terrorism, request “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2009.

PHIL 3920 – Epistemological Skepticism, request “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2009.

PHIL 3920 – Philosophy Genocide and the Holocaust, request “H, I” designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H, I” designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2009.

REL 4050 – Understanding Islam, request “H, I” designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2009.

Approved “H, I” designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2009.

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

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2009, via email vote from council on 3/31/09.

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2. Other

Members discussed the fact that while the (I) and (D) designations are seen as parallel, but mutually-exclusive general education designations, their descriptions do not both include an emphasis on contemporary cultures. The (I) requires a focus on contemporary cultures but the (D) does not currently specify a focus on contemporary groups. GEAC will discuss revising the (D) criteria in the Fall. Also, the General Education requirements that list the (I) and (D) hours on degree sheets do not specify a minimum number of credits. Should we require that (I) and (D) must be satisfied with a 3 credit course (or three 1 credit courses)? Most of the courses are 3 credits. GEAC will discuss this suggestion in the Fall.

Adjourn: 3:15 p.m.