

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

November 9, 2011

10:30 – 12:00

204 Whitehurst

Present: Jon Comer, Ted Drab, Precious Elmore, Shelia Kennison, Amy Martindale, Jeremy Penn, Michael Rabens, Joe Schatzer, Jeretta Nord, and Pamela Fry.

1. New General Education Designation Requests

AMIS 2013 – Introduction to American Indian Studies, request the “D” designation, effective Fall 2012.

Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2012.

AMST 3743 – Harlem Renaissance, request the “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2012.

Approved “H and D” designations, effective Fall 2012.

BADM 1103 – Social and Behavioral Foundations of Business Interactions, request the “S” designation, effective Summer 2012.

Approved “S” designation, effective Summer 2012.

ENGL 3473 – Race, Gender and Ethnicity in American Film, request the “D” designation, effective Fall 2012.

Approved “D” designation, effective Fall 2012. Members recommend applying for the “H” designation as well.

ENGR 4060 – Technology of Italy, request the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2012.

Approved “I” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2012 with a recommendation to include specific writing requirements.

ENGR 4060 – Service in Seis De Mayo Honduras, request the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2012.

Approved “I” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2012 with a recommendation to include specific writing requirements.

ENGR 4060 – Engineering Service West Africa, request the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2012.

Approved “I” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2012.

FLL 3113 – French Literature in Translation, request the “H” designation, effective Fall 2012.

Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2012.

GEOG 4910 – Cultural and Natural Resources of Morocco, request the “S and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2012.

Approved “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2012.

Denied “S” designation. There was insufficient evidence that the course met the criteria and goals for the “S” designation, specifically: “b. Courses designated “S” are normally based

on empirical observation of human behavior rather than the study of aesthetics, ideas, or cultural values.”

HDFS 3413 2123– Non-Normative Development, request the “D” designation, effective Fall 2012.
Denied “D” designation. It was not clear that the course met the writing requirements for the “D” designation.

HDFS 4793 – The Family: A World Perspective, request the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.
The course presently carries the “S” designation.
Denied “I” designation. Clarification of the international content is needed. Course content must meet the requirement that “At least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures.”

HIST 3393 – Modern England - 1714 to Present, request the “H” designation, effective Spring 2012.
Approved “H” designation, effective Spring 2012

HONR 2023 – Constitutional Dimensions of Diversity, request the “S and D” designations, effective Fall 2012.
Approved “S and D” designations, effective Fall 2012.

MUSI 3582 – Music of Nonwestern Cultures, request the “H” designation, effective Fall 2012.
Denied “H” designation. It appears that the course requires specialized skills and is not intended for the general student body.

MUSI 3763 – History of Music from 1600 to 1800, requests the “H” designation, effective Fall 2012.
Denied “H” designation. It appears that the course requires specialized skills and is not intended for the general student body.

MUSI 3873 – History of Music from 1800 to Present, request the “H” designation, effective Fall 2012.
Denied “H” designation. It appears that the course requires specialized skills and is not intended for the general student body.

PHIL 3523 – Medieval Philosophy, request the “H” designation, effective Spring 2013.
Approved “H” designation, effective Spring 2013.

PHIL 3920 – Environmental Ethics, request the “H and I” designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2012.
Approved the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2012.
Denied “I” designation. It is not clear that “At least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures.”

REL 4050 – Religions and Sects in Middle East, request the “H and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2012.
Approved “H and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2012. Members did warn that for the next submission the writing requirements must be clearer.

2. General Education Task Force Update – Joe Schatzer

Dr. Schatzer noted that the General Education Forums are scheduled for next week in the Helmerich Browsing Room in the Library. It was noted that plans are to bring the a speaker from the American Associate of Colleges and Universities (AACU) to campus in early Spring. Dr. Fry commented that she appreciates everyone's participation.

3. General Education Substitution Process – Pamela Fry

Dr. Fry noted that this topic will most likely have to be discussed by a small GEAC working group to decide the process for General Education Substitution Forms.

Adjourn: 11:58 p.m.