

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 7, 2011

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

101 Whitehurst

Present: Jon Comer, Theo Drab, Shelia Kennison, Amy Martindale, Bob Miller, Conor Nelson, Jeretta Nord, Jeremy Penn, Michael Rabens, Joe Schatzer, and Pamela Fry.

1. New General Education Designation Requests

AG 3080 – Culture and Agriculture of Ireland, request the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2011.

Approved “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2011.

AG 3080 – Culture and Agriculture of Italy, requests the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2011.

Approved “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2011.

PHIL 3920 – Philosophy of Race, requests the “H and D” designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2011

Approved “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2011.

Denied “D” designation. There doesn’t appear to be a complete schedule to indicate that the course meets the criteria for the “D” designation “at least half of the course must relate to socially constructed groups in the United States”.

PHIL 3920 – Ethics and Globalization in Foreign Film, requests the “H and I” designations, effective Spring 2012.

Approved “H and I” designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2012.

PHIL 3920 – Philosophy Genocide and the Holocaust, requests the “H and I” designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2011.

Approved “H & I” designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2011.

2. Any Discussion Items about General Education?

Dr. Fry indicated that the Provost has asked for Pam to create a task force to access general education. Pam asked members to think about topics needing discussion. What are the other institutions doing in regards to general education? The state of Oklahoma is focusing on the K-12 standards and has adopted the College and Career Readiness Standards and plans to implement next Fall and this will have a great deal of implications for Higher Education. Members noted that the University should reinstate the “No Rookies on Rookies” program. Members suggested the names of faculty would be a good fit for the General Education Task Force: John Gelder, Greg Wilbur, Barbara Bremer, and maybe Nigel Jones.

3. Other

Next Agenda – Resolution requiring faculty to issue a course syllabus and defining the composition of a syllabus.

In President Obama's plan, the Federal Government will be paying close attention to graduation rates of students in higher education on financial aid.

Amy Martindale handed out a guide to submission of general education requests and some members expressed that they do not believe that the college curricular committees should make decisions on general education.

Adjourn: 4:15 p.m.