

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

April 11, 2011

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

101 Whitehurst

Present: Pam Brown, Jon Comer, Precious Elmore, Shelia Kennison, Amy Martindale, Conor Nelson, Jeretta Nord, Michael Rabens, Joe Schatzer, and Pamela Fry.

1. New General Education Designation Requests

HIST 3253 – Absolutism Enlightenment 1648 – 1798, request continuation of the “H” designation, effective Spring 2011.

Denied “H” designation, effective Fall 2011. The writing, as described on the syllabus, does not meet the writing requirements. Dr. Martindale noted that this course needs to be reviewed by the Arts and Sciences Curricular Committee.

2/7/11 – Denied continuation of the “H” designation, effective Fall 2011. The writing assignments are inconsistent on the online form and syllabus. If the course is resubmitted, it must be submitted as a new request.

4/21/08 – Course was denied continuation of the “H” as the course was not submitted for General Education Five Year Review for “H” and “H and I”.

HIST 3980 – Greece and Istanbul Cultural Crossroads of the World, request the “H and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2011.

Approved “H and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2011.

HORT 4990 – Mongolia Ancient Empire Modern Challenge, requests the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2011.

Approved the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2011, pending clarification from the general education policy to allow a graduate course to have general education credit.

Note: The General Education Course Policy does not state that graduate courses are excluded from carrying general education credit.

PHIL 3920 – Ethics, War, and Terrorism, requests the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2011.

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

PHIL 3920 – Philosophy of Race, requests the “D” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2011.

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

3/7/11 - 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”.

2. Any Discussion Items about General Education?

The Provost would like to have a general education task force and include a representative from this committee (GEAC), a representative from the Council on Assessment of General Education (CAGE), representatives from each college, representation from Scholar Development and the Honors College as well as representation by other campus units and students. The group is expected to meet every two weeks. The group will be looking at the aspects of general education at the high school level through Higher Education.

Sheila Kennison volunteered to serve as the Faculty Council representative, Jon Comer as the CAGE representative, Joe Schatzer as the GEAC representative, and Precious Elmore as a representative from Institutional Diversity.

3. Other

Course syllabi and defining the composition of a syllabus.

Dr. Comer noted that back in December 2010 CAGE and GEAC members were invited by the Provost to a meeting and asked what can be done to improve retention. Attendees noted that the University should consider requiring faculty to provide a syllabus for all courses, and a recommendation was presented to the Academic Standards and Policies Committee of Faculty Council by Dr. Comer. Dr. Comer is waiting on feedback from that committee.

Adjourn: 11:40 a.m.