

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
September 13, 2011  
10:30 – 12:00  
101 Whitehurst**

**Present: Pam Brown, Jon Comer, Ted Drab, Precious Elmore, Amy Martindale, Jeremy Penn, Michael Rabens, Mark Weiser, and Pamela Fry.**

**1. New General Education Designation Requests**

**BADM 2010** – Social and Behavioral Foundations of Business Interactions, requests the “S” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2012.

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

**HIST 3980** – Celtic Culture through the Ages I, requests the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2011.

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

**HIST 4573** – Women in Western Civilization, requests the “H” designation, effective Fall 2011.

**Approved “H” designation, effective Fall 2011.**

**PHIL 3920** – Philosophy of Race, requests the “H and D” designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2012.

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

**PHIL 3920** – God, Philosophy and the Movies, requests the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2012.

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

**PHIL 3920** – Philosophy and the Movies, requests the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2012.

**Members asked that the request be “Revised and Resubmitted” by September 21, 2011.**

**Student expectations are unclear. Specific information regarding the course content and schedule are necessary to determine if the course meets the criteria and goals for the “H” designation.**

**PSYC 4023** – Evolutionary Psychology, requests the “N” designation, effective Fall 2011.

11/15/10 – Denied “N” designation, the syllabus appears to be incomplete as it is not clear from the course schedule of topics and assignments that the course fulfills the criteria for the “N” designation.

**9/13/11 - Approved “N” designation, effective Fall 2011.**

**2. General Education Task Force Update – Joe Schatzer**

Dr. Schatzer sent his comments via email: Task force has had two meetings. Steve Damron and Shelia Kennison have agreed to be co-chairs. We have had good discussions about what the charge of the committee is. We are collecting some information and discussing how to obtain input from others.

Other Comments:

There needs to be a better student understanding of what general education is and how it can be applied in the student's everyday lives as a beneficial tool. Discussions continue in regards to general education at OSU becoming unique, a signature for OSU. How can we apply general education through learning to prepare leaders of the future? Perhaps through undergraduate research, service learning, and international experiences. Members also noted that the way general education is currently taught at OSU needs to be reviewed.

**3. Any Discussion Items about General Education?**

English Literature Transfer Credit

Amy noted that there had been discussions between the English Department and the Registrar's Office; and commented that Undergraduate Admissions is now reviewing each English literature transfer course to assure that the courses taken at other institutions meet the criteria for the "D" general education designation at OSU.

**4. Other**

It was noted that there is still confusion in interpreting the General Education Advisory Council Minutes. Since submitters of general education designation requests are allowed to resubmit a request if a course request is denied, a course could be denied several times and then approved with in the same semester causing confusion to the Registrar's Office and advisors. Members suggested tabling courses to the end of the semester instead of denying or discontinuing the requests. Members felt that by tabling the request it wouldn't be perceived as having a sense of urgency to amend the application to meet required specifications. Members suggested using the term "Revise and Resubmit" by a certain deadline. In addition, a summary of GEAC actions will be shared at the close of each semester.

**Adjourn:** 12:00 p.m.