

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

February 13, 2012

Present: Jon Comer, Ted Drab, Amy Martindale, Bridget Miller, Michael Rabens, Joe Schatzer, Mark Weiser, and Pamela Fry.

1. New General Education Designation Requests

AG 3080 – Study Abroad in the Czech Republic, request the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2012.

Approved the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2012, pending the removal of the check to the box on the form that states “Does this course also provide graduate credit?”  
2/24/12 – the graduate credit question has been checked “no”.

AG 3080 – Culture and Agriculture of Italy, request the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2012.

Approved the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2012, pending the removal of the check to the box on the form that states “Does this course also provide graduate credit?”  
2/22/12 – faculty member agreed to check the “yes” box.

AG 3080 – International Experience, request the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2012.  
Approved the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2012.

AG 3080 – Food Science and Industry in Spain, request the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2012.

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

FDSC 2103 – Regional Diversity in Food Production and Processing, request the “D” designation, effective Fall 2012.

Denied the “D” designation. It doesn’t appear that the course meets the criteria for the “D” designation. It is not clear that **at least one-half of the course materials relate to one or more socially constructed groups (e.g. racial, ethnic, religious, gender, age, disability, sexual orientation) in the United States. Members encourage resubmission of the materials with a clearer explanation of the course objectives in relation to the “D” designation.**

HIST 3980 – Oral History and Art in Taos, request the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2012.

Denied the “H” designation. It is not clear that the course meets the criteria for the “H” designation and emphases on the arts appear to be lacking.

HORT 4990 – Mongolia Ancient Empire Modern Challenge, request the “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2012.

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

MKTG 4553 – International Marketing, request the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.  
Denied the “I” designation. It is unclear from the syllabus that the course meets the criteria of the “I” designation; at least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures outside of the US.

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

Approved the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2012.

This course has been offered as a zero ending, special topics course several times and the council recommends that a permanent number be created for future offerings of this course.

PHIL 3920 – Philosophy and the Movies, request the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2012.

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

This course has been offered as a zero ending, special topics course several times and the council recommends that a permanent number be created for future offerings of this course.

ZOOL 3700 – Biology, Power of Observation, request the “N” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2012.

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

## 2. General Education Five Year Review of “I” Designations

**AGEC 4343** – International Agricultural Markets, Trade and Development, request continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.

**Approved continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.**

**AGEC 4803** – International Agricultural Economics Tour, request continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.

**Approved continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.**

**AGED 4713** – International Programs in Agricultural Education and Extension, request continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.

**Approved continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.**

**AVED 4653** – International Aerospace Issues, request continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.

**Tabled pending receiving evidence on the application form and syllabus that the course meets the criteria of the “I” designation; at least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures outside of the US.**

**HRAD 3223** – International Travel and Tourism, request continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.

**Approved continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.**

**LSB 4633** – Legal Aspects of International Business Transactions, request continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.

**Tabled pending receiving evidence on the application form and syllabus that the course meets the criteria of the “I” designation; at least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures outside of the US. The writing requirements were not clear on the syllabus.**

**MKTG 3993** – International Business, request continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.

**Approved the continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012. Note: it was not clear which International cultures the course was referring to.**

**NREM 4393** – Forests People and Sustainable Development, request continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.

**Approved continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.**

**SCFD 4913** – International Issues and the Role of the School, request continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.

**Approved continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.**

**SPCH 4753** – International Communication, request continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.

**Tabled pending receiving evidence on the application form and syllabus that the course meets the criteria of the “I” designation; at least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures outside of the US.**

**TCOM 3153** – International Aspects of Telecommunications, request continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2012.

**Tabled pending receiving evidence on the application form and syllabus that the course meets the criteria of the “I” designation; at least one-half of the course materials must relate to contemporary, not historical, cultures outside of the US.**

### **3. Other**

Dr. Fry mentioned that she recently received requests asking for the International general education designation for AP World History. Members voiced some concerns as it would be difficult to assess if the curriculum in the different High School AP World History classes would satisfy the requirements for the International general education designation and was not in favor of the request.

Dr. Martindale noted that the Registrar’s Office wants to review all of the policies in the catalog for accuracy and one of the policies, Academic Regulations 3.4 section C, had a restriction of “at least one course in each of the four general education designated areas must come from the approved general education lower division course list”. The Registrar’s Office assessed that only a few colleges complied with this regulation and given it is an internal regulation and not an Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education regulation question whether that restriction was necessary. Members agreed that the restriction was not necessary and agreed that the wording of the restriction should be removed.

Dr. Martindale recently received several General Education Individual Substitution requests for general education designations on courses that doesn’t presently have general education tied to them, and there are no extenuating circumstances for the request other than the student is lacking the certain designation. Dr. Martindale wanted to get feedback from the council on whether this should be permitted. Members were generally not in favor of this but recommended that it be discussed in DSAS.