# GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MINUTES Octobers 6, 2014 204 Whitehurst

Present: Kristen Baum, Rebecca Bensen Cain, Precious Elmore, Karen Flaherty, Carol Jones, Amy Martindale, Nick Materer, Bridget Miller, Joe Schatzer, Bill Ryan, Lisa Cota, and Pamela Fry.

### Introductions

# 1. New General Education Designation Requests:

**AMST 3950** – The Death Penalty in America, requests the "S" designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2015.

Members approved the "S" designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2015.

**BADM 4010** – Social and Cultural Impacts in Italian Business, requests the "S & I" designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2015.

Members moved to table pending clarification that the course meets the 10 page writing requirement and receipt of a syllabus which is specific to the course.

**ENGL 4230** – Literature and Theory of Diversity, requests the "H and D" designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2015.

Members approved the "H and D" designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2015.

**ENGL 4330** – Studies in Native American Literature, requests the "H and D" designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2015.

Members approved the "H and D" designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2015.

PHIL 3920 – Animal Ethics, requests the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2015. Members approved the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2015.

**PHIL 3920** – Eastern Meditative Traditions, requests the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2015.

Members approved the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2015.

**PHIL 3920** – Marxism and Critical Theory, requests the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2015.

Members approved the "H" designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2015.

**PHIL 3920** – Philosophy of Race and Sport, requests the "H and D" designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2015.

Members tabled pending clarification that the syllabus submitted was the correct syllabus for the entry.

# 2. General Education Five Year Review of "H" Designations Tabled from Spring 2014:

**HIST 3613** – American Colonial Period to 1750, requests continuation of the "H" designation, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 – Tabled pending clarification of the writing requirements, specifically length of writing assignments.

10/6/14 - Members approved continuation of the "H" designation effective Fall 2014.

**HIST 3623** – Era of the American Revolution, requests continuation of the "H" designation, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 – Tabled pending clarification of the writing requirements, specifically lengths of writing assignments and pending confirmation that the course meets the criteria for the "H" designation. 10/6/14 - Members approved continuation of the "H" designation, effective Fall 2014.

**HIST 3753** – Trans Mississippi West, requests continuation of the "H" and approval of the new "D" designations, effective Fall 2014.

3/7/14 – Tabled pending clarification of writing assignment, specifically length of assignments. 10/6/14 - Members approved continuation of the "H" and approved the new "D" designation, effective Fall 2014.

HIST 3793 – Indians in America, requests continuation of the "H and D" designations, effective Fall 2014. 3/7/14 - Tabled pending clarification of writing assignment, specifically length of assignments, and there appears to be no information on the "D" designation.

10/6/14 - Members approved continuation of the "H and D" designations, effective Fall 2014.

MUSI 2573 – Introduction to Music, requests continuation of the "H" designation, effective Fall 2014.

4/21/14 - Tabled pending clarification of writing assignment. The writing assignments do not appear to meet the 5 page writing requirement.

10/6/14 - Members approved continuation of the "H" designation, effective Fall 2014.

**MUSI 3573** – America's Ethnic Music, requests continuation of the "H and D" designations, effective Fall 2014.

4/21/14 - Tabled pending clarification of writing assignment. The writing assignments do not appear to meet the 10 page writing requirement.

10/6/14 - Members approved continuation of the "H and D" designations, effective Fall 2014.

**MUSI 3753** – History of Music Antiquity to 1600, requests continuation of the "H" designation, effective Fall 2014.

4/21/14 - Tabled pending clarification of writing assignment. The writing assignments do not appear to meet the 10 page writing requirement.

10/6/14 - Members approved continuation of the "H" designation, effective Fall 2014.

### 3. Other

Dr. Fry asked members to share their thoughts regarding the General Education Task Force Recommendations from a General Education Advisory Council (GEAC) perspective. Dr. Fry would like to receive feedback in relation to the 30-10 recommendation and members appeared to be agreeable to the concept for the majority of the degree programs. It was noted that the campus is attempting to offer more online general education classes. Dr. Fry commented that the General Education Advisory Council should talk about the Assessment Task Force Report in the next meeting.