

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL

MINUTES

October 9, 2015

101 Whitehurst

Present: Kristen Baum, Rebecca Cain Bensen, Precious Elmore, Karen Flaherty, Amy Martindale, Bill Ryan, Lisa Cota, and Pamela Fry.

1. New General Education Designation Requests:

A&S 3090 – Study Abroad, the college requests deletion of the “I” designation, effective Fall 2016. College international dimension course.

Members approved deletion of the permanent “I” designation.

BADM 4010 – Social and Cultural Impacts on Italian Business, requests the “S and I” designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2016.

Members approved the “S and I” designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2016, contingent upon receiving evidence that students have the opportunity to receive feedback on writing assignments.

BADM 4010 – Social and Cultural Impacts on European Business, requests the “S and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2016.

Members approved the “S and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2016, contingent upon receiving evidence that students have the opportunity to receive feedback on writing assignments.

ENGL 4400 – Studies in Regional Literature: Trinidad and Tobago and the Greater Caribbean, requests the “H and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2016.

Members approved the “H and I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2016.

GEOG 4600 – Geography Study Abroad Cultural and Natural Resources of Morocco, requests the “S” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2016. Course currently carries the “I” designation.

Members approved the “S” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2016, contingent upon receiving evidence that students have the opportunity to receive feedback on writing assignments.

MSIS 4010 – Diversity Impacts in Information Systems, requests the “D” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2016.

Members approved the “D” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2016.

PHIL 3920 – Animal Ethics, requests the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2016.

This is the third request for this zero ending course number.

Members approved the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2016. This is the third zero ending offering under this title. Members suggest creating a permanent course number.

PHIL 3920 – Ethics and Contemporary American Film, requests the “H” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2016.

Members tabled pending receipt of a week by week schedule of readings to verify that the course meets the criteria for the “H” designation.

PHIL 3920 – Philosophy of Race, Class and Gender, requests the “H and D” designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2016.

Members approved the “H and D” designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2016.

Members recognize a pattern of very similar titles which prompts a concern.

2. **General Education Five Year Review of the “S” Designations:**
AGEC 1113 – Introduction to Agricultural Economics, requests continuation of the “S” designation, effective Spring 2016.
Members approved continuation of the “S” designation, effective Spring 2016.
3. **Updates About General Education at OSU – Pamela Fry**
Dr. Fry noted that the 30-10 degree plans are due today.
4. **Higher Learning Commission Site Visit - October 19th & 20th**
5. **Other**
Dr. Fry noted that several working groups have been created and two task forces have been created prompted by General Education Task Force recommendations: (1) to discuss how we reward and improve instruction in general education, and (2) to reward effective teaching of general education courses. Other working groups include the evaluation of teaching, pre-professional, and academic integrity.