

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MINUTES
September 11, 2017
040 Student Union

Present: Kristen Baum, Ryan Chung, Precious Elmore-Sanders, Carol Jones, Shelia Kennison, Amy Martindale, Mindy McCann, Bridget Miller, Griffin Pivateau, Bill Ryan, and Pamela Fry.

1. New General Education Designation Requests:

AMST 3950 – Topics in American Studies, requests the “D” designation, one-time only, effective Spring 2018. Members denied pending evidence that the course meets the 10 page writing requirement and that the course is offered on a one-time only basis.

GEOG 4600 – Geography of Russia and the Baltics, requests the “S” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2018.

Members tabled pending an explanation on the course syllabus of how “social science” will be delivered on preparation papers. There needs to be a designation on the class syllabus that there is an instructional focus on the “S” not just experiential.

PSYC 3120 – Exploration in the History of Psychology Ireland, requests the “S and I” designations, one-time only, effective Spring 2018.

Members tabled pending clarification on the syllabus of students receiving feedback on writing assignments by either requiring subsequent writing assignments or by providing feedback on paper drafts.

2. Review of the “D and I” General Education Designations:

HDFS 3203 – Children’s Play: A World Perspective, requests continuation of the “I” designation, effective Spring 2018.

4/28/17 - Members tabled pending clarification on the syllabus that the course meets the 10 page writing requirement.

8/7/17 – Revised syllabus received.

9/11/17 - Members approved the “I” designation, effective Spring 2018.

3. Fixed Three Credit Hour Zero Ending Courses Requesting Permanent Designations:

POLS 2030 – Topics of Public Policy, requests permanent approval of the “S” designation, effective Spring 2018.

10/14/16 - Members denied the “S” designation as it is unclear if the offering meets the writing requirement (5 pages) and the “S” criteria.

9/11/17 - Members denied the “S” designation as it is unclear if the offering meets the writing requirement (5 pages). Although the information provided indicates three case studies with a writing requirement of 3-5 pages in length for each assignment, page two of the syllabus refers to students signing up for one case study with a required writing assignment of 3-5 pages. Members also noted that it was unclear if the course met the “S” criteria. Members encouraged a one-time only submission and noted that a permanent designation request would require a more specific and thorough course description in the catalog.

4. General Education Credit for Advanced Placement Courses – Pamela Fry

Members noted not to approve the general education request for the “I” designation for a world history advanced standing course as OSU’s world history carries the “H” designation.