

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING (GEAC)
MINUTES
March 26, 2021

Participants: Deni Blum, Evan Davis, Jovette Dew, Cristina Gonzalez, Michael Holmes, Kelva Hunger, Amy Martindale, Mindy McCann, Tammy Mix, Haley Murphy, Marianna Patrauchan, and Jeanette Mendez (chair)

(Please track changes or highlight revisions on syllabi resubmissions)

1. New General Education Designation Requests

BADM 2233 – Business Analytics Fundamentals, requests the A designation, effective Fall 2021. Tabled pending discussions with the College of Arts and Sciences and Spears School of Business.

EDTC 4110 – Introduction to Assistive Technologies, requests the S and D designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

Members tabled pending receipt of a revised syllabus inclusive of a class schedule that reflects specifics on what students will learn in regard to the S and D requirements and to assess if at least 50% of the course content is focused on the D designation.

Council member Dr. Deni Blum can assist with any questions.

EDTC 4223 – Introduction to Assistive Technologies, requests the S and D designations, effective Fall 2022.

Members tabled pending receipt of a revised syllabus inclusive of a class schedule that reflects specifics on what students will learn about the S and D requirements in order to assess that at least 50% of the course content is focused on the D designation.

Council member Dr. Deni Blum can assist with any questions.

ENGL 3190 – African Literature, request the H and I designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

Members approved the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

Members tabled the I designation pending receipt of a revised syllabus inclusive of a statement in the class schedule that reflects specifics on what students will learn in regard to the I requirements in order to assess that at least 50% of the course content is focused on the I designation.

Council Members Dr. Cristina Gonzalez, Dr. Marianna Patrauchan, or Dr. Tammy Mix can assist with any questions.

HIST 3980 – Pandemics: Then and Now, requests the H designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2021.

Members approved pending the H designation. Members asked that a revised syllabus be submitted to include details of the ten-page writing requirement with instructor feedback inclusive of one four-page paper in relation to the H designation.

Council members Dr. Cristina Gonzalez, Dr. Marianna Patrauchan, or Dr. Tammy Mix can assist with questions.

HONR 1000 – Class, Inequality, and American Democracy, requests the S and D designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

Members approved the S and D designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

HONR 1000 – Living in Space, requests the N designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.
Members approved the N designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

HONR 1000 – The Secret Life & Turbulent Future of Water, requests the S and I designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

Members approved pending receipt of a revised syllabus with a more explicit breakdown of how the course meets the requirements for the S and I designations through class content and the class schedule to determine if 50% or more of the course content addresses current international culture outside the United States.

Council members Dr. Cristina Gonzalez, Dr. Marianna Patrauchan, or Dr. Tammy Mix can assist with questions.

HONR 1000 – Sex in College Culture, requests the S and D designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

Members tabled the S and D designations pending clarification on the syllabus of the S and D requirements, as it is not clear that 50% or more of the course is focused on present diversity issues within the United States. It would be helpful if detailed statements for the S and D could be incorporated in the class schedule in order for this to be assessed.

Council members Dr. Cristina Gonzalez, Dr. Marianna Patrauchan, or Dr. Tammy Mix can assist with questions.

HONR 1000 – Travel Writing/Writing Travel, requests the H and D designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

Members approved the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

Members tabled the D designation, as it is not clear that the course meets the requirements of the D designation and that 50% of the course is focused on diversity in the United States. It would be helpful if detail statements could be incorporated in the class schedule in order for the 50% to be assessed.

Council members Dr. Cristina Gonzalez, Dr. Marianna Patrauchan, or Dr. Tammy Mix can assist with questions.

HONR 1133 – Place as Text Seminar, request the H designation, effective, Fall 2021.

Members approved the H designation, effective Fall 2021.

LL 3633 – Language and Migration, request the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

2/19/21 - Members tabled the S and I designations pending receipt of a syllabus to include more clarity of the international content and better articulation of the social science dimensions, theories and methods for the social science designation through explicit detail in the content, description and schedule.

General Education Advisory Council Member Dr. Tammy Mix can provide guidance and assistance with questions.

3/26/21 – Members approved the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

MATH 1910 – Special Studies, A Preview of College Algebra, requests the A designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

Members approved the A designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

MATH 1910 – Special Studies, A Preview of Mathematical Functions, requests the A designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

Members approved the A designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2021.

PHIL 3920 – Philosophy, Drugs, and Society, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2021.

10/19/20 - Members tabled the H designation pending explanation of how the course meets the H requirements in the course syllabus. It was also asked if the required student feedback process in the writing assignments could be evident on the course syllabus. (Please highlight or show track changes on additions or revisions to the resubmitted syllabus.)

3/26/21 – Members approved pending clarification of the total number of pages required for the short paper and book review writing assignments to confirm the ten-page requirement.

Council members Dr. Cristina Gonzalez, Dr. Marianna Patrauchan, or Dr. Tammy Mix can assist with questions.

SC 4520 – Specialized Strategic Communication Applications: Indian Country Summer Term I – requests the D designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2021.

Members approved the D designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2021.

SOIL 3033 – Soils and Societies, requests the S designation, effective, Fall 2021.

Members approved pending clarification that the writing assignments are weighted in the grading scheme and that there is feedback on the term paper.

Council member Dr. Michael Holmes can assist with questions.

2. **New General Education Designation Requests Approved Pending**

AMST 3863 – Disability in America, requests the H and D designations, effective Fall 2021.

(Same course as HIST 3863)

11/20/20 - Members approved H and D designations pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of a detailed daily/weekly schedule that explains how the course content address the requirement that 50% or more of the course content should focus on current/present day underrepresented groups for the diversity credit.

3/9/21 – Received revised syllabus

3/18/21 – Approved the H and D designations, effective Fall 2021.

HIST 3863 – Disability in America, requests the H and D designations, effective Fall 2021.

(Same course as AMST 3863)

11/20/20 - Members approved H and D designations pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of a detailed daily/weekly schedule that explains how the course content address the requirement that 50% or more of the course content should focus on underrepresented groups for the diversity credit.

3/9/21 – Received revised syllabus

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3. **Other**

In an upcoming GEAC meeting, discussions regarding the concept of overlapping of general education course requests will be addressed.

Next year Dr. Mendez recommends reviewing how designations are represented by Council, as well as adding D and I council representation.

Diane is to put together a breakdown of designations by college.