

**INSTRUCTION COUNCIL
MINUTES
April 28, 2006
9-10:30 a.m.
101 Whitehurst Conference Room**

Present: Bruce Crauder, Cyril Clarke, David Thompson, Bob Davis, Ed Miller, Jerry Montag, Mark Payton, Shiretta Ownbey, Pam Bowers, Christine Nichols, and Gail Gates.

1. Proposed Diversity Designation

The General Education Advisory Council has been working with Dr. Cornell Thomas to create a general education diversity designation. The proposal is to require a "D" course beginning with Fall 2007 degree sheets. The "D" designation would be similar to the "I" and it could be combined with an "S", "H", or possibly "I".

Members reviewed the proposed Timeline for Proposed Diversity Course document and made some suggestions. Under "Goals, a." members suggested changing the wording "historical and contemporary" to "social/political and economic" and under "Goals, b." it was asked to change the wording "power" to "benefits or opportunity". Dr. Gates asked members if they had to develop the criteria and goals for the "D" general education designation, what would they be? Dr. Thomas wants the "D" courses to include personal reflection not just abstract ideas. Members discussed the need to balance the student's right to freedom of expression with the goal to enhance OSU's environment for diversity. Dr. Gates will work on revisions discussed. Members noted that the council needs to consider how this designation will affect degree requirements and demand for courses.

2. Proposed Revisions to the Drop/Add Policy

Dr. Gates said that the revisions consisted of adding information on refunds and changing terminology to violations of academic integrity. Instruction Council suggested taking out the wording "for instructors who do not maintain attendance records," in 3.01.B. Dr. Gates will revise the proposed Drop/Add Policy and sent to members to review then it will go to the Academic Standards and Policy Committee for a vote.

3. Curricular Requests – Arts and Sciences

Instruction Council approved the curricular requests for Arts and Sciences.

4. New Program Request and Program Modifications:

- **The Center for Health Sciences Request for Graduate Certificate in Forensic Examination of Questioned Documents – New Program Request**
Instruction Council Approved.
- **Program Modification - MS in Natural & Applied Sciences – Option Addition – Health Care Administration**
Instruction Council Approved.
- **Program Modification – Ed.D in Applied Educational Studies – Option Deletion - ABSED**
Instruction Council Approved

Adjourn: 10:30 a.m.