GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, April 19, 2006
1 – 2:30 p.m.
101 Whitehurst

1. New General Education Designation Requests:

   HIST 3980 – Three Voices of Protest, request “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2006.
   Approved “H”, one-time only, effective Fall 2006.

   MGMT 4883 – Multiple Perspectives in Global Management, request “I” designation, effective Spring 2007.
   Approved “I”, effective Spring 2007, pending addition of the writing assignment on the on-line form. Revisions made 4/21/06.

   SOC 40431 – Gender and Work, request “I” designation, effective Spring 2007.
   Denied “I”, effective Spring 2007, it is not clear from the syllabus outline that the course fulfills the requirement that at least half the course relates to studies outside of the United States and the catalog indicates an upper division prerequisite.

2. Courses Resubmitted

   AG 308004 – Culture and Agriculture of Italy, requests “H, I” designations, one-time only, effective Summer 2006.
   Approved “I”, one-time only, effective Summer 2006.
   Denied “H”, effective Summer 2006, responses on the on-line form do not clearly explain how the course fulfills the criteria for an “H”.
   GEAC members request that if this course will be offered again the department create a permanent course number because this course has been offered for several years as a zero ending course.

   BIOL 32231 – Survey of Human Disease, request “N” designation, effective Spring 2006.

   Approved “I”, effective Summer 2006.

   Denied “H”, effective Spring 2007, responses on the on-line form do not clearly explain how the course fulfills the criteria for an “H” designation.

   LA 499003 – Japan Design Study Program, request “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2006.
   Approved “I”, one-time only, effective Summer 2006.
   GEAC members request that if this course will be offered again the department create a permanent course number because this course has been offered for several years as a zero ending course.
PHIL 3920992 – Ethics and International Justice, request “I” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2006.
Approved “I”, one-time only, effective Fall 2006.

3. General Education Five Year Review of “N” and “N, L” Designations

GEOL 1014 – Geology and Human Affairs, requests “N, L” designations, effective Spring 2006.

GEOL 1114 – Physical Geology, requests “N, L” designations, effective Spring 2006.
Discontinued “N, L”, effective Fall 2007, not clear how the course fulfills the criteria for the N and L and the form indicates that no writing is required in the course (please note, lab reports, homework, or essay examinations may be considered “written work appropriate to the discipline”).

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GEOL 3043 – Geologic Regions, request “N” designation, effective Spring 2006.
Discontinued “N”, effective Fall 2007, the form indicates that no writing is required in the course (please note, lab reports, homework, or essay examinations may be considered “written work appropriate to the discipline”).


Continued “N” and added “L” designation, effective Spring 2006.

MICR 1513 – Inquiry-Based Biology, requests “N, L” designations, effective Spring 2006.
Discontinued “N, L”, effective Fall 2007, due to excessive prerequisites (catalog indicates three prerequisites).


PSYC 3113 – Comparative Psychology, request “N” designation, effective Spring 2006. Continued “N”, effective Spring 2006, pending clarification of prerequisite (catalog indicates PSYC 1113 is a prerequisite).


ZOOL 3153 – Animal Behavior, request “N” designation, effective Spring 2006. Discontinued “N”, effective Fall 2007, course did not meet the writing requirement. (Please note, lab reports, homework, or essay examinations may be considered “written work appropriate to the discipline”).

“N” and “N, L” Courses Not Submitted for Review


PLNT 1223 – Plants, Genes and the Consumer  

PLNT 3554 – Plant Genetics  

RLEM 3913 – Principles of Range Management  

Request to Drop General Education Designations from Course Action Forms:

GEAC approved requests to drop designations, effective Spring 2007.

4. Proposed Diversity Course  
Dr. Gates distributed the next steps for the proposed diversity designation from the November 2005 GEAC meeting. This summer the General Education Assessment Committee will be developing a rubric to assess papers related to the general education diversity goal. Dr. Gates asked that the workgroup include a faculty member from humanities and wondered if Jason Lavery or Mark White could assist. Jason noted that a faculty member from US History would be more appropriate. The group would meet during the summer and present their findings to GEAC early next semester.

5. Other Business  
Pam Bowers handed out minutes from the March 3, 2006, meeting of the University Assessment Council, General Education Advisory Council, and the General Education Assessment Committee and asked that the GEAC review and forward comments.

Adjourn: 2:45 p.m.