

**GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL  
MEETING MINUTES SUMMARY  
Monday, March 10, 2003  
3:30 p.m.  
101 Whitehurst Conference Room**

**Present:** J. Comer, J. Fowler, G. Gates, J. Hattey, B. Ivy, N. Jones, B. Masters,  
C. Moder, J. Nelson, R. Nolan, R. Rohrs, S. Thompson, J. Wallin

Meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Members began with the review/approval of requests for the addition of general education designations and requests for general education designations for new courses.

**AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

PLNT 1223 - Plants, Genes and the Consumer – Request “N” designation – CAF – New Course – **Approved “N” designation effective Spring 2004.**

ENVR 4573 – Tabled during the February 24, 2003 meeting; further review postponed to April 7, 2003 meeting.

**ARTS AND SCIENCES**

AMST 3433 – Television Studies – Request “H” designation – crosslisted with ENGL 3433 – CAF – New Course – **Approved “H” designation effective Spring 2004.**

AMST 3813 – Business in American Culture and Society – Request “H” designation – CAF – New Course – **Approved “H” designation effective Spring 2004.**

BIOL 3273 – Medical Botany: Therapeutic, Psychoactive, and Toxic Impacts of Plants on Humans – Request “H” Designation – CAF – New Course – **Tabled – Concerns related to all 6 goals listed on the form as primary. Members were concerned with the detail of the drug information provided and believe it would be very difficult for a student to be successful in the course having had no prior background (no prerequisites listed). The instructor should explain how the assignments will meet the goals for “N” designation.**

ENGL 3433 – Television Studies – Request “H” designation – crosslisted with AMST 3433 – CAF - New Course – **Approved “H” designation effective Spring 2004.**

GEOG 3063 – Economic Meteorology – Request “N” designation – CAF – New Course – **Denied – Members did not believe that this course qualifies as an “N.” It was not clear how the content of the course relates to the physical or biological sciences. The course more closely meets the requirements of an “S” designation.**

HIST 4543 – Vietnam War – Add “I” designation – **Approved “I” designation effective Fall 2003.**

HONR 1093 – Patterns and Symmetry in Mathematics – Add “A” designation – **Approved “A” designation effective Fall 2003**

PHIL 4990 – Special Studies in Philosophy – **Denied because the course has graduate credit. After the meeting, the course request was changed to PHIL 3920, which was approved as follows:**

PHIL 3920 – Contemporary Philosophical Problems (subtitled Early American Philosophy) – Add “H” -**Approved “H” designation effective Fall 2003 only.**

SOC 4463 – Technology and Society – Request “S” designation – CAF – New Course – **Tabled – Members were unsure as to the definition of “response paper” used on the form. B. Masters is concerned about the proliferation of 4000 level general education designations. Ivy pointed out that this course was developed at the request of the College of Engineering, Architecture and Technology to respond to the breadth and depth aspect of ABET accreditation. The instructor should explain how the assignments meet the goals for “S” designation.**

## **EDUCATION**

Two courses from the College of Education were withdrawn from the agenda because neither course has been approved by the Instruction Council.

EDUC 2443 – Contemporary Issues in Diversity – Change in Title  
EDUC 4443 – Cultural Diversity in Professional Life – New Course

“S” designations were requested for each of these courses. Both courses were officially withdrawn from the GEAC agenda via e-mail from the Associate Dean of the College. It was noted, however, that instructors will need to describe how the assignments fulfill the goals for an “S” designation. No further action was taken regarding the two courses.

## **ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE AND TECHNOLOGY**

ENSC 2113 – Statics – Add “A” designation – **Approved “A” designation effective Fall 2003** (Note: The prerequisite listed as MATH 2145 should be MATH 2144). Although this course has several prerequisites, students who test out of the prerequisite math courses need to fulfill the requirement for “A.”

Council members continued with the Five-Year review of “H” designated courses.

During the November 14, 2002 GEAC meeting, four History courses were tabled; three due to inconsistent information in the syllabi and form, and one having an incorrect syllabus attached to the form. The syllabi information has been explained, and the correct syllabus is now attached; therefore, all four courses have been approved for continued “H” designations effective Fall 2003. The review list will begin with the four courses.

HIST 3013	Continue “H”
HIST 3023	Continue “H”
HIST 3033	Continue “H”
HIST 3323	Continue “H”
HONR 1013	Continue “H” – Pending corrected form (too many primary goals)
HONR 1023	Continue “H” – Pending corrected form (too many primary goals)
HONR 1033	Continue “H” – Pending corrected form (too many primary goals)
HONR 1043	Continue “H” - Pending corrected form (too many primary goals)

HONR 2063	Continue "H" - Pending corrected form (change to "yes" Section II, Criterion 2)
HONR 3013	Continue "H"
LA 3673	Continue "H"– Learner Goal 2 states that students will complete "extensive written work in exams or papers." The syllabus indicated that students have the option to write a term paper or develop a poster. Members believe a poster is insufficient to satisfy the writing component for "H." Must comply before next review.
MUSI 2573	Continue "H"
MUSI 3753	Discontinue "H" Effective Spring 2004 – Does not meet Criterion I; too many prerequisites.
MUSI 3763	Discontinue "H" Effective Spring 2004 – Does not meet Criterion I; too many prerequisites.
PHIL 1013	Continue "H"
PHIL 1213	Continue "H"
PHIL 2113	Continue "H"
PHIL 3113	Continue "H"
PHIL 3213	Continue "H"
PHIL 3313	Continue "H"
PHIL 3413	Continue "H"
PHIL 3513	Continue "H"
PHIL 3613	Continue "H"
<b>PHIL 3713</b>	Continue "H" – lacks sufficient writing component
PHIL 3803	Continue "H"
PHIL 3813	Continue "H"
PHIL 3823	Continue "H"
PHIL 3833	Continue "H"
PHIL 3843	Continue "H"
PHIL 3913	Continue "H"
PHIL 3923	Tabled – Members were unable to determine GE status due to rotating topics and variable syllabus.
<b>PHIL 4013</b>	Continue "H" – lacks sufficient writing component
<b>PHIL 4113</b>	Continue "H"– may lack sufficient writing component (journal entry may not be acceptable).
<b>PHIL 4313</b>	Continue "H"
<b>PHIL 4453</b>	Continue "H" – may lack sufficient writing component (journal entry may not be acceptable).
<b>PHIL 4713</b>	Continue "H" – may lack sufficient writing component (journal entry may not be acceptable).
<b>PHIL 4733</b>	Continue "H" – lacks sufficient writing component.
<b>POLS 4553</b>	Tabled - more information needed regarding 7-10 page report writing component.
POLS 4653	Faculty on sabbatical – unable to locate syllabus – no action taken
SPCH 4723	Discontinue "H" – Effective Spring 2004 – Department prefers to retain graduate credit.
REL 3713	Discontinue "H" – Effective Spring 2003
RUSS 4013	No online submission – Course will be reviewed April 7, 2003.
SOC 3713	Discontinue "H" – Effective Spring 2003
TH 3223	Discontinue "H" – Effective Spring 2003
TH 3123	Discontinue "H" – Effective Spring 2003
TH 4323	Discontinue "H" – Effective Spring 2003

**NOTE**

Writing Components in “H” Courses: Council discussed the Humanities course criterion that states, “...students will demonstrate such understanding through extensive written work in exams or papers.” Humanities courses should incorporate assignments that provide students with opportunities to develop written communication skills. Although courses listed in bold will continue to have “H” designations at this time, Council expressed concern that these courses do not incorporate adequate opportunities for student to develop writing skills. Council discussed the possibility of revising the Humanities course criteria to clarify the expectations for writing components in “H” courses.

The remainder of the courses for Five-Year reviews will resume during the April 7, 2003 meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

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