

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 3, 2004
8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
101 Whitehurst Conference Room

Present: J Comer, J Fowler, G Gates, K James, N Jones, P Lumpkin, B Masters, C Moder, R Nolan, R Rohrs, S Thompson

1. **General Education Designation Request:**

AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES AND NATURAL SCIENCES

AG 3080 – Mexico Agriculture Study Abroad – Request “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2004 – Denied “I”. The request was tabled during the February 4, 2004 GEAC meeting pending submission of syllabus, corrected on-line form, and clarification of writing assignment. In the March 3, 2004, the request for “I” designation died for lack of a motion.

LA 4990 – Japan Design Study Program, Request “I” designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2004. February 4, 2004, council noted that the syllabus and course form do not have the same wording and approved “I” pending correction of on-line form and syllabus. In the March 3, 2004 meeting, GEAC approved the “I” designation with a writing warning.

AGEC 4703 – American Agricultural Policy – “S” designation, department request dropping the “S” designation effective Spring 2005.

AGEC 4723 – Rural Economics Development – “S” designation, department request dropping the “S” designation effective Spring 2005.

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

AMST 3443 – Studies in Film Genre – Request “H” designation, effective Spring 2005. Cross listed with ENGL 3443. The council approved the “H” designation.

AMST 3813 – Readings in the American Experience – Request “H” designation, effective Spring 2005. Approved “H” with a writing warning.

ANTH 2343 – European Prehistory – Request “S” designation, effective Spring 2005. Approved “S” designation with the correction of the on-line form and syllabus in regards to the writing assignment.

ART 4683 – History of Contemporary South Asian Art – Request “H,I” designations, effective Spring 2005. Approved “H,I” designations with writing warning.

ENGL 3443 – Studies in Film Genre – Request “H” designation, effective Spring 2005. Cross listed with AMST 3443. Approved “H” designation.

PHIL 3920 – Creation and Evolution – Request “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2004. Approved “H” designation with writing warning.

PHIL 3920 – Science in Context: Science, Politics, and Values in The Origin of Species – Request “H” designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2004. Approved “H” designation.

SOC 4033 – Comparative Perspectives to Criminal Justice Systems – Request “S,I” designations, effective Spring 2005. Approved “S,I” with writing warning.

SPAN 4123 – Hispanic Poetry – Request “H” designation, effective Spring 2005. Denied “H” designation due to excessive prerequisites.

SPAN 4133 – Hispanic Prose – Request “H,I” designations, effective Spring 2005. Denied “H,I” designations due to excessive prerequisites.

ZOOL 3204 – Physiology – Request “N” designation, effective Spring 2005. Denied “N” designation due to excessive prerequisites.

AMST 4433 – “H” designation, department will drop the “H” designation effective Spring 2005.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

EDUC 2443 – Contemporary Issues in Diversity, Request “S” designation, effective Fall 2004. The Council tabled the request for further review.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE AND TECHNOLOGY

ARCH 4293 – Ethics of the Built Environment – Request “H” designation, effective Fall 2004. Approved “H” designation. Syllabus and on-line form should have the same writing requirements.

COLLEGE OF HUMAN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

HRAD 4090 – International Hospitality Studies – Request “I” designation, effective Spring 2005. Denied “I” designation because the course is a 0-ending course. The department must ask for one-time request each time the course is offered. To receive approval, the request should explain how the course content relates to culture and must indicate that 50% of the course is devoted to contemporary cultures outside the U.S.

2. Other Business

Revising Gen Ed Course Form – Brenda Masters

Brenda addressed the council with the following questions:

- Will we still have a 30 minute login period?
The council would like to eliminate the limited login period and would like the system to save the information even if you logout before completing the form.
- Do we want the goals and criteria stated on the form or just linked from the form?
The Council agreed that the goals and criteria should be stated on the form.
- What viewership do we want to allow for the Gen Ed database? Right now the database is showing up in google searches. Council agreed to continue to allow access to view the database.

- What evidence, if any, are we going to require of the “no extensive specialized skills” criterion? Is GEAC going to decide that based on the course material? The council agreed that the form needed a box to indicate prerequisites.
- Should the area designation criteria ask about the goals and the activities of the course? The goals and activities section should be included with each of the general education area designations.
- If we want to include goals in the criteria, then we should request that the importance in the class of each learner goal be identified on a scale from 1 to 5.
- Do we want the activities section to be for each designation? Council agreed to this.
- How do we want to ask about writing requirements? Council agreed that this information can be gathered in terms of the activity section of the form.
- Do we want to only ask about writing in terms of activities? Council agree that the first draft of the form should address writing through the activities section, then a determination can be made about whether more detail about writing needs to be included. Do we want to provide specific definitions of “extensive written work”? Yes, the Council agreed that definitions of “extensive written work” should be provided following each of the sections about “S,” “H,” and “I.”

Brenda asked the council if there should be separate forms for new request and review request or should there be one form displaying the option to click on either new or review. Brenda also asked the members if there should be a drop down box asking for the course information listing all of the prefixes. Another suggestion made by Brenda was to design the form so that a person will choose his/her designations and at that time the description will appear asking for all of the required information. It was asked if the form should contain pop down boxes with the option of choosing “same as above” to reduce a duplication of effort. It was decided to put the writing requirements on the form for “H, S, I”. “I” designation should include the statement that 50% of the course is devoted to contemporary cultures outside of the U.S. The writing requirement for “N, L” should be included in the bottom of the criteria and goals.

Writing Requirement Implementation

Dr. Gates told GEAC that due to budget restraints the writing requirement would not be implemented this year. Council decided that the writing requirement should be included on the on-line form and that effective August 2004 all new requests for “H,S,I” must meet the new writing requirements. And existing courses with general education designation that will be reviewed next year will be approved if they do not meet the writing requirements, but will receive a warning that the course will be expected to meet the writing requirement when it is reviewed again in 3 years.

Adjourn: 10:00 a.m.
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