

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, February 2, 2005
10:00 – 11:15
101 Whitehurst Conference Room

Present: Barbara Stoecker, Jeff Hattey, Joe Fowler, Jon Comer, Mark White, Nigel Jones, Pam Lumpkin, Rick Rohrs, and Gail Gates.

1. **General Education Designation Request:
(Tabled 5-Year Reviews)**

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

ART 3693 – Survey of Asian Art, request “H,I” designations, effective Summer 2005. *Note from 4/7/03 GEAC meeting: Syllabus does not indicate if 50% of the course is devoted to contemporary cultures. Instructor should provide additional information to the course form or syllabus to verify that one-half of the course relates to contemporary, not historical, cultures.*

Denied “I”. Syllabus does not indicate if 50% of the course is devoted to contemporary cultures. “H” approved in 2003, see writing warning ¹ below.

ART 4653 – History of Indian Art, request “H,I” designations, effective Summer 2005. *Note from 4/7/03 GEAC meeting: syllabus does not provide syllabus information to demonstrate that the course meets the “H” or “I” criteria or goals; syllabus does not describe any writing component for the course. Only part of the course syllabus was attached to this form; the full syllabus is needed to complete the review.*

Approved “H”, with writing warning ¹. (Please see below)

Denied “I”. Information does not indicate if 50% of the course is devoted to contemporary cultures.

REL 3023 – The New Testament and It’s Study, request “H” designation, effective Summer 2005. *Notes from 4/7/03 GEAC meeting: course syllabus indicates that the course does not include sufficient writing component for the H designation; examples of journal entries do not demonstrate a sufficient writing component. Additional information regarding student writing in the course is requested.*

Denied “H”. Syllabus did not get changed. Insufficient writing assignment.

REL 3123 – The Old Testament Prophets, request “H” designation, effective Summer 2005. *Notes from 4/7/03 GEAC meeting: course syllabus indicates that the course does not include sufficient writing component for the H designation. Additional information regarding student writing in the course is requested. Also, the course form should be corrected to indicate the course meets general education criteria.*

Approved “H”, with writing warning ¹. (Please see below)

REL 3223 – The Teachings of Jesus in Historical Context, request “H” designation, effective Summer 2005. *Notes from 4/7/03 GEAC meeting: Course syllabus does not provide evidence of sufficient writing component for the H designation. Additional information regarding student writing in the course is requested. Also, the course form should be corrected to indicate the course meets general education criteria.*

Denied “H”. Course syllabus does not provide evidence of sufficient writing component for the “H” designation. Course form should be corrected to indicate the course meets general education criteria.

¹ **Writing Warning.** When this class is reviewed in 3 years it must meet the following writing requirement for H, S and I courses:

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REL 3243 – Paul and the Early Church, request “H” designation, effective Summer 2005. Notes from 4/7/03 GEAC meeting: Course syllabus does not provide evidence of sufficient writing component for the H designation. Additional information regarding student writing in the course is requested. Also, the course form should be corrected to indicate the course meets general education criteria.

Approved “H”, with writing warning ¹. (Please see below)

RUSS 4123 – Russian Literature in Translation II, requests “H,I” designation, effective Summer 2005.

Notes from 5/7/03 GEAC meeting: Because the approved catalog description states “Classes conducted in English”, and the syllabus submitted to GEAC states that all text will be read in Russian, with the exception of vocabulary notes, the course is referred to the Associate Dean of A&S. Council will consider continuing the GE designations only after the description / syllabus issue has been resolved.

Denied “H and I”. Denied due to conflicting information on old and new syllabus.

SPAN 3003 – Survey of Peninsular Literature, requests “H,I” designations, effective Summer 2005. GEAC

5/7/03 notes: Continue H pending correction of the course form regarding number of primary and secondary goals; I tabled. Reviewers cautioned that course may lack sufficient writing component for an H designation. Syllabus and course do not indicate if 50% of the course is devoted to contemporary cultures.

Denied “H and I”. Lacks explanation of writing assignment.

SPAN 4173 – Hispanic Drama, requests “H,I” designations, effective Summer 2005. GEAC 5/7/03 - continue H

pending correction on form regarding number of primary and secondary goals. I tabled - syllabus and course form do not indicate if 50% of the course is devoted to contemporary cultures.

Denied “H and I”. Course form was not changed and course requires excessive prerequisites.

SPAN 4263 – Masterpieces of Hispanic Literature II, requests “H,I” designations, effective Summer

2005. GEAC 5/7/03 notes: H continued pending corrections on form regarding number of primary and secondary goals; I tabled pending additional information. Syllabus and course form do not indicate if 50% of the course is devoted to contemporary cultures.

Denied “H and I”. Course requires excessive prerequisites.

SPAN 4333 – Hispanic Civilization II, requests “H,I” designations, effective Summer 2005. GEAC 5/7/03

notes: H and I continued pending corrections on form regarding number of primary and secondary goals.

Denied “H, I”. Course requires excessive prerequisites.

COLLEGE OF HUMAN ENVIROMENTAL SCIENCES

DHM 4163 – Housing in Other Cultures, requests “H,I” designations, effective Summer 2005. Notes from 5/7/03 GEAC meeting: syllabus and course information do not indicate if 50% of the course materials relate to contemporary cultures.

Approved “H”, with writing warning ¹. (Please see below)

Denied “I”. Syllabus has not been updated to indicate that 50% of the course materials relate to contemporary cultures.

2. (New General Education Request from Old and New Forms)

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES & NATURAL RESOURCES

AG 3080 – Culture and Agriculture of Italy, requests “H,I” designations, effective Summer 2005, one time only.

Approved “H and I”.

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AGED 3303 - Agriculture Leadership: Theory to Practice, request "S" designation, effective Summer 2005.

Denied "S". It is not clear how the course fulfills the criteria and goals for an "S" and the course does not appear to fulfill the writing requirements ². (Please see below)

COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

~~SPCH 4743 – Interpersonal Communications, request "S" designation, effective Summer 2005.~~
Arts and Sciences withdrew the request 2/2/05.

ENGL 3343 – Readings in Poetry, request "H" designation, effective Spring 2006.

Denied "H". Syllabus does not indicate if requirements for the writing assignment are met. (opportunity for feedback). ² (Please see below)

ENGL 3373 – Readings in Nonfiction, request "H" designation, effective Spring 2006.

Denied "H". Incomplete information on writing assignment ². (Please see below)

ENGL 3383 – Readings in Narrative, request "H" designation, effective Spring 2006.

Denied "H". Lack of opportunity for revisions when writing assignment is turned in ².

HIST 3333 – History of the Second World War, requests "H,I" designations, effective Spring 2006.

Approved "H and I".

HIST 3373 – Medieval England: 55 B.C. – 1485 A.D., request "H" designation, effective Spring 2006.

Approved "H".

HIST 3383 – Tudor-Stuart England, request "H" designation, effective Spring 2006.

Approved "H".

HIST 3633 – Early National Period: 1787 – 1828, request "H" designation, effective Spring 2006.

Approved "H".

HIST 3643 – The Jacksonian Era: 1828 – 1850, request "H" designation, effective Spring 2006.

Approved "H".

HIST 3663 – Rober Barons and Reformers: U.S. History 1877 – 1919, request "H" designation, effective Spring 2006.

Approved "H".

HIST 3673 – U.S. History: 1919 – 1945, request "H" designation, effective Spring 2006.

Approved "H".

HIST 3753 – Trans-Mississippi West, request "H" designation, effective Spring 2006.

Denied "H". Number of written pages are not indicated in the syllabus ². (Please see below)

² The writing requirement for courses with new H, S and I designations are defined as follows:

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HIST 3783 – New South, request “H” designation, effective Spring 2006.

Approved “H”.

HIST 3793 – Indians in America, request “H” designation, effective Spring 2006.

Approved “H”.

HIST 3913 – History of Medicine, request “H” designation, effective Spring 2006.

Approved “H”.

PHIL 3920 – Contemporary Philosophical Problems: Philosophy of Film, request “H” designation, effective Spring 2005.

Denied “H”. Inadequate writing requirements ². (Please see below)

COLLEGE OF HUMAN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

HDFS 4850 – Early Childhood Education and Family Culture in Italy, request “I” designation, effective Summer 2005, one time only.

Denied “I”. Insufficient writing requirements ². (Please see below)

3. Schedule for Reviews

Dr. Gates noted that the committee will complete the review of new courses and begin 5 year reviews for “S” or “S,I” designations at the next meeting. A list of the courses and primary reviewers was sent via email for a review in our March 9, 2005 meeting.

4. Other Business

Diane is to check on the writing requirement statement on the new form.

Adjourn: 11:40 a.m.

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