

**General Education Curriculum Committee
Meeting of December 13, 2007, 12:00 p.m.**

Minutes

Attending (Voting): Beattie, Busch, Crim, Futrell, Haworth, Johnson, Korselman, Menzes, Weinberg, B. Williams (*Non-Voting*): Billingsley, Cunningham, Dablow, Dietrich, Steinberg

Course Proposals Considered

PHIL 207 – Introduction of Philosophy through Cultural Diversity **APPROVED**

This course, a general introduction to main western themes of philosophy that also includes non-western approaches, will fulfill both a CD2 and H designation.

ARTH 290 – Survey of Asian Art **APPROVED**

This course was approved pending a change stating that the course be classified as a CD1 designation, which better befits the course's content, instead of a CD2 as proposed. The course will fulfill both a CD1 and A designation.

ARTH 335 – Twentieth Century Chinese Artists and Architects **APPROVED**

This course was approved pending a change stating that the wording of its assessment explanation be strengthened. The course will fulfill the CD1 designation.

LAS 313 – Panamanian Culture **APPROVED**

This course was approved pending a change stating that the course be classified as a CD1 designation, which better befits the course's content, instead of a CD2 as proposed.

EDTP 304 – Financial Education Across Cultures **NOT APPROVED**

Social and Behavior (SB) general education credit can not be earned through 300 level courses. The committee considered this course only for cultural diversity (CD2) credit only. The committee commented that cultural diversity content was not adequately described and that the assessment measures do not provide any evidence that the cultural diversity learning outcomes will be addressed. The committee recommends the proposal be revised to broaden the context in which cultural diversity be considered (which may be difficult to do and still cover the finance topics central to this course) and that the assessment mechanism be better suited to address the stated learning outcomes

SW 303 – Generalist Practice **NOT APPROVED**

This course was not approved on the ground that, as written, it does not offer open enrollment, which is a prerequisite for CD1 courses.

The university's charge to the Gen Ed committee was discussed at length. Under the current system, any course can possibly be characterized as a CD1 or CD2 by little more than employing in the course syllabus a relevant vocabulary. The committee's concern should be that the design of a course meets a certain set of criteria that can accurately ensure that cultural diversity is being taught. Whether such criteria exists at present was of concern to the committee.

The motion was made to set aside time during future meetings in the Spring semester to discuss the ideological character of the CD1 and CD2 requirements. At such time, Billingsley will report to the committee the findings of the recent General Education course assessments regarding cultural diversity outcomes.

The meeting adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Christopher Cunningham
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