



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

ASU GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 31, 2017

3:15–5:00 p.m.

Present: Charlotte Armbruster, Tamiko Azuma, Jason Bruner, Deepak Chhabra, Jessica Early, Caroline Harrison, Aaron Hess, Julie Holston, Wendy Hultsman- Chair, P.F. Lengel, Phyllis Lucie, Lisa McIntyre, Manisha Master, Michael Mokwa, Darryl Morrell, Helene Ossipov, Brad Ryner, Peter Schmidt, Megan Gorvin Short, Matt Simonton, Nicole Thompson, Perla Vargas, Stephen Wirkus, Michelle Zandieh

Excused: Bertha Manninen, Kristen Parrish

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:15 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes—April 27, 2017

The minutes were approved as written.

3. Announcements

Wendy Hultsman welcomed new and returning GSC members.

4. Old Business

none

5. New Business

6. Subcommittee Reports

A) **Literacy & Critical Inquiry**

From ASU:

Approved for L designation, effective Fall 2018 (new):

ENG 446 Visual Narrative

ENG 473 Critical Approaches to Children's Literature

Recommend to Revise and Resubmit

From ASU

FIS 394 Humans and the Environment

Rationale: The course meets all criteria, with the exception of Criterion 3 (“a minimum of two writing and/or speaking assignments that are substantial in depth, quality, and quantity”). The research paper certainly counts, but at 500 words (less than two double-spaced pages), the first essay cannot be deemed substantial. Please revise.

B) **Mathematical Studies (MA)/(CS)**

From ASU:

None

From MCCCDC:

None

C) **Humanities, Arts & Design (HU)**

From ASU:

Approved for HU designation, effective Fall 2018 (new):

CHI 430 Readings in Chinese Religions (new) -

upon further discussion/review as it relates to the HU criteria checklist, a motion was made to approve this course. The vote was unanimous to approve.

ENG 446 Visual Narratives (new)

ENG 473 Critical Approaches to Children's Literature (new)

HST/POS 112 Foundations of Democracy (new)

From MCCCDC:

None

D) Social - Behavioral Sciences (SB)

From ASU:

None

From MCCCDC:

None

E) Natural Sciences (SQ/SG)

From ASU:

None

From MCCCDC:

None

F) Cultural Diversity in the United States (C)

From ASU:

Approved for C designation, effective Fall 2018 (new):

CAP 220 Self in a Multicultural Society

From MCCCDC:

None

G) Global Awareness (G)

From ASU:

Approved for G designation, effective Fall 2018 (new):

CHI 430 Readings in Chinese Religions

IDN 394 Advanced Indonesian

From MCCCDC:

Approved to retain G designation:

REL/WST 290 Women and World Religions (mandatory review)

Recommend to Revise & Resubmit:

From ASU:

ASB 357 Society, Drugs and Health (new)

Rationale: It is difficult to determine how much this course (instructional materials, course activities, assessments, and time) actually focuses on global studies/global aspects. Two of the three required texts clearly focus on the US. Some module components are identified that include case studies, videos concerning society, drug & health in other countries. Specifics are not listed in the syllabus and modules cannot be accessed.

Recommendation to provide additional information on assignments and global connections to determine that more than 50% of the course is global awareness.

H) Historical Awareness (H)

From ASU:

Approved for H designation, effective Fall 2018 (new):

HST/POS 112 Foundations of Democracy

From MCCC:

Approved to retain H designation:

ASB 235 Southwest Archeology (mandatory review)

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by Phyllis Lucie