



ARIZONA STATE UNIVERSITY

**ASU GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL**

MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, September 3, 2020

3:15–5:00 p.m.

**Present:** Katherine Antonucci, Tamiko Azuma, Denise Bates, David Corlett, Melissa Dengler, Sarah Florini, Annapurna Ganesh, Caroline Harrison – Chair, Aaron Hess, Natalie Heywood, Phyllis Lucie, Bertha Manninen, Emily Mertz, Michael Mokwa, Daryl Morrell, Ileana Orlich, Kristen Parrish, April Randall, Peter Schmidt, Brent Scholar, Steve Semken, Matt Simonton, Marie Wallace, Michelle Zandieh, Anna Zischkau

**Excused:** Michelle Mancenido

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Approval of Minutes—April 2, 2020**

The minutes were approved as written.

**3. Announcements** – Caroline Harrison, GSC-Chair, welcomed new and returning GSC members. Caroline gave a brief tutorial regarding the course review process and General Studies business practices.

**4. Old Business** - none

**5. New Business** - none

**6. Subcommittee Reports**

A) **Literacy & Critical Inquiry**

**From ASU:**

no courses

**From MCCCDC:**

no courses

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

**From ASU:**

no courses

**From MCCCDC:**

no courses

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

**From ASU:**

**Approved for HU designation effective Spring 2021 (new):**

HST 302 Studies in History (The Communist Experience in the 20th Century)  
SLC 202 Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theory

**Approved to retain HU designation (mandatory review)**

HST 306 American Political Conspiracy

**Recommend to Revise & Resubmit for HU designation (mandatory review):**

HST 303 Film and Politics in Colonial Asia

Rationale: The class is basically quizzes and discussion board posts. The assignments do not clearly meet Criteria 2. The students may watch films, but we don't see instances when students actually engage in interpretive acts. It really could be that the course does some good interpretive work, but we just can't seem to find it in the syllabus.

HST 306 Debating the Constitution

Rationale: The course certainly reviews historical documents and will situate those documents in their historical context, but the course is mostly history. We don't see much attention paid to philosophies or belief systems. The syllabus and course description really look like a history course more than anything else. The students learn about individual court cases and how it relates to the constitution, but there's not enough for us to see if the course goes beyond just dates and historical facts, rather than critical or philosophical analysis.

**From MCCCDC:**

no courses

**D) Social - Behavioral Sciences (SB)**

**From ASU:**

**Approved for SB designation effective Spring 2021 (new):**

HST 302 Studies in History (The Communist Experience in the 20th Century)  
HST 306 Studies in United States History (American Slavery and the Freedom Struggle)

**Recommend to Revise & Resubmit for SB designation (mandatory review):**

HST 306 American Political Conspiracy

Rationale: This is an interesting course that may meet SB requirements. The fundamental subject of political conspiracies obviously would involve human interactive behaviors. Both the proposal and the syllabus are developed well but do not align well. While the proposal suggests extensive emphasis on SB, the substantive content and “work” requirements in the syllabus do not clearly and explicitly demonstrate this. An institutional perspective appears to dominate the socio-behavioral perspective in the syllabus.

**From MCCCDCD:**

no courses

**E) Natural Sciences (SQ/SG)**

**From ASU:**

no courses

**From MCCCDCD:**

no courses

**F) Cultural Diversity in the United States (C)**

**From ASU:**

no courses

**From MCCCDCD:**

no courses

**G) Global Awareness (G)**

**From ASU:**

**Approved for G designation effective Spring 2021 (new):**

ARB 411 Advanced Arabic Skills II

HST 302 Studies in History (The Communist Experience in the 20th Century)

SLC 202 Introduction to Literary and Cultural Theory

**Approved to retain G designation (mandatory review):**

HST 303 Film and Politics in Colonial Asia

**From MCCCDC:**

**Approved for G designation effective Spring 2021 (new):**

STO 295 Traditional Storytelling Around the World

**H) Historical Awareness (H)**

**From ASU:**

**Approved for H designation effective Spring 2021 (new):**

HST 302 Studies in History (The Communist Experience in the 20th Century)

HST 306 Studies in United States History (American Slavery and the Freedom Struggle)

**Approved to retain H designation (mandatory review):**

HST 306 American Political Conspiracy

HST 306 Debating the Constitution

**From MCCCDC:**

no courses

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by Phyllis Lucie