

**ASU TEMPE GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL**  
MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, September 29, 2009  
3:00–5:00 p.m.  
Ira A. Fulton Foundation Center – 2nd floor- room 2490

Present: Craig Allen, Rebecca Barry, Debra Campbell, John Chance, Ron Dorn, Alejandra Elenes, Barbara Fargotstein, Cecelia Fiery, Antonio Garcia, Matthew Isom –Chair, Matthias Kawski, Bernard Kobes, Barbara Lafford, Phyllis Lucie, Peter de Marneffe, Eduardo Pagan, Jeff Ricker, Joe Rody, Mike Tueller, Sergio Quiros, Kathy Wigal

Excused: Antonio Garcia, Chouki El Hamel, Kristin LaCroix, Peter de Marneffe, Tom Martin, Helene Ossipov, Ron Roedel, Doug Spencer

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

**2. Approval of Minutes—August 25, 2009**

The minutes were approved as written.

**3. Announcements**

None

**4. Old Business**

There was a brief discussion regarding the slide presentation. Each subcommittee chair will review material and update information by the next GSC meeting on October 27, 2009.

**5. New Business**

Ron Dorn shared with the GSC the Natural Sciences subcommittee review for the request (from the School of Earth and Space Exploration) to incorporate the “mix and match” request for students to take AST 111 and AST 112 lectures with AST 113 and AST 114 labs to earn SQ general studies credit.

Ron commented that there is no problem conceptually. This request was made to enhance flexibility for graduation.

**6. Subcommittee Reports**

**A) Literacy & Critical Inquiry (Barbara Fargotstein)**

From ASU

**Approved** for L designation, effective Fall 2010 (new):

JUS 408 Comparative Development of the Welfare State  
JUS 432 Racial Justice  
JUS 438 Human Difference: Dilemmas of Justice  
NTR 351 Nutrition and Health Communications  
TCL 220 Transborder Chicano/a & Latino/a Cultural Expression

Recommend **Approval** for L (mandatory review):

From ASU

MBB 343 Genetic Engineering & Society

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

No report

**C) Humanities, Fine Arts & Design (HU) (Chouki El Hamel – read by Dr. Isom)**

From ASU

**Approved** for HU designation, effective Fall 2010 (new):

JUS 438 Human Differences: Dilemmas of Justice  
REL 354 Religious Traditions of Korea

**Revise and Resubmit:**

From ASU

TCL 220 Transborder Chicano/a and Latino/a Cultural Expression

*Rationale:*

The material submitted does not provide any explanation of the assignments. It does not clarify how students will be able to demonstrate critical thinking skills.

**D) Social and Behavioral Sciences (Rebecca Barry)**

From ASU

**Approved** for SB designation, effective Fall 2010 (new):

AFH 300 Precolonial Africa  
AFS 301 Race & Racism in the African Diaspora  
AFS 304 Islands of Globalization

AFS 345 The Making of the Caribbean Society  
AFS 415 Black Political Thought  
JUS 382 Justice and Popular Culture

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

No report

**F) Cultural Diversity in the United States (Barbara Lafford)**

From ASU

Approved for C designation, effective Fall 2010(new):

TCL 220 Transborder Chicana/o Latina/o Cultural Expression  
JUS 438 Human Differences: Dilemmas of Justice

Approved to retain the C designation (mandatory review):

JUS 425 Race, Gender, and Justice

Deny for C designation (new):

From ASU

AFS 301 Race and Racism in the African Diaspora

*Rationale:*

Even though many of the readings and lectures have to do with the racism encountered by African-Americans in the US, the entire focus of the course is on the global African diaspora, as shown in readings from the US, the Caribbean, and South Africa. The way the course is structured, any professor is free to place more emphasis on any one of these (or other) diaspora areas. Therefore, there is no guarantee that the course would always meet the C criteria; we suggest that the G designation may be more appropriate, but the G committee should make that decision.

**G) Global Awareness (Debra Campbell)**

Approve for G designation, effective Fall 2010 (new):

From ASU

AFH 300 Precolonial Africa  
AFS 301 Race and Racism in the African Diaspora  
AFS 304 Islands of Globalization: Caribbean Political Economy  
AFS 345 The Making of Caribbean Society  
AFS 415 Black Political Thought  
JUS 408 Comparative development of the Welfare State

**H) Historical Awareness (Jeffry Ricker)**

**Approved for H designation, effective Fall 2010 (new):**

From ASU

AFH 300 Precolonial Africa

AFS 304 Islands of Globalization: Caribbean Political Economy

AFS 345 The Making of the Caribbean Society

AFS 415 Black Political Thought and the Limits of Liberal Democracy

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted by Phyllis Lucie