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GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COUNCIL (GEAC) MEETING MINUTES

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(The current catalog descriptions have been added)

1. General Education Designations – Existing Course, New Designations

HONR 1000 – The Poetics of Pop Culture, requests the D designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

Prerequisites: Introductory Honors Topics.

Description: Introduction to topics in various disciplines by faculty from the undergraduate colleges for freshman and sophomore students in the University Honors College. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.

Members approved the D designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

HONR 1000 – Remembering the sixties, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

Members approved the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

HONR 1000 – Science and Human Imagination, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

Members approved the H designation pending receipt of a syllabus detailing the class readings, what student are expected to learn from those readings and how this content relates to the requirements for the H designation. Chair will make the final decision.

HONR 1000 – The Secret Life and Turbulent Future Water, requests the S and I designations, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

Members approved the S designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

Members approved the I designation pending receipt of a detailed syllabus clarifying the course objectives regarding international designation, present-day content and how the course meets those requirements. (Course offered one other time with the same title in Fall of 2021.)

Chair will make the final decision.

HONR 1000 – Tornadoes in American Culture, requests the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

Members approved the H designation, one-time only, effective Fall 2022.

HONR 1123 – The Art of Mindful Living, requests the H designation, effective Fall 2022.

Prerequisites: Honors College Participation.

Description: Meditation and mindfulness are becoming ever-more relevant and important in our busy modern world and life. This course presents the basics for both understanding and practicing mindfulness so to live a more peaceful and fulfilled life.

Members tabled the H designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of details regarding the writing requirements in that students are required to write at least five pages of *formal* writing (not journal entries) and clarification on how the course meets the H designation requirements.

Council will make the final decision.

PHIL 3873 – Feminist Philosophy, requests the D designation, effective Fall 2022.

Course presently carries the H designation.

Feminist philosophy introduces students to various concepts, insights and methodological tools within feminist philosophy. Issues include: what 'feminist philosophy' is, concepts such as intersectionality, power, privilege, and

oppression, and how they can be identified in practice. Relationships between feminism and other in-group/out-group binary concerns will also be explored.

Members approved the D designation pending clarification in the syllabus of a minimum of 10 pages of writing with feedback to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments and more clarification on how the course, particularly the final paper, meets the content requirements for the D designation. Chair will make the final decision.

2. **General Education Five-Year Review of the S, SD, SI, and I – Tabled**

GEOG 3763 – Africa, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

(Cross-listing GLST 3763)

Description: An exploration of the patterns and impact of population, cultural heritage, and natural resources to build an understanding and experience with Africa. Historic and contemporary relationships between Africa and Western civilization. Key themes include traditions and lifeways, development and change, government and conflict, and people and environment. Same course as [GLST 3763](#).

11/19/21 - Members tabled continuation of the S and I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of more descriptive information on content regarding the 50% or more international present times for the I designation and descriptive of how the course content includes the empirical observation. Class schedule should include a detailed descriptive of the breakdown for both designations and to reflect how the course content meets the requirements. Goes back to Council.

2/1/22 – Received revised syllabus.

3/11/22 - Members approved continuation of the I designation and conditionally approved the S designation pending clarification on the syllabus of the writing requirements and how the paper relates to the S designation.

Chair will make the final decision.

GEOG 3793 - Australia and the Pacific Realm, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

(cross-listing GLST 3793)

Description: Study of Australia, New Zealand, and the island regions of Micronesia, Melanesia, and Polynesia. Course examines the cultural and natural diversity of these regions in relation to globalization, climate change, and popular culture. Course covers enduring cultural traditions, legacies of external involvement, changing livelihoods and landscapes, and the region's role in global affairs. Same course as [GLST 3793](#).

Members tabled the S and I designation pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of more descriptive information on content regarding the 50% or more international present times for the I designation and descriptive of how the course meets the empirical aspect. The class schedule should include descriptive of the breakdown for both designations. It is also not clear if students receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated into subsequent writing assignments. Goes back to Council.

2/1/22 – Received revised syllabus.

3/11/22 - Members approve continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021.

GEOG 4213 – Sport, Place, and Society, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

Description - Spatial analysis of sport; its origin and diffusion, geographical organization, and regional variation. Geographical movements and interaction associated with sport. Application of geographical solutions for reorganization and reform. Focus on both U.S. and international scene.

Members tabled as they could not determine from the information provided on the syllabus if the course content met the requirements for the S designation. The syllabus does not include enough detailed information for the Council to make a determination, particularly on requirement 2b.

2b - Students will understand the role of empirical observation using quantitative or qualitative methods in the social and behavioral sciences.

Goes back to Council.

2/1/22 – Received revised syllabus.

3/11/22 - Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Fall 2021.

3. General Education Five-Year Review of the S, SD, SI, and I

HTM 3223 - International Travel and Tourism, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: The study of international travel and tourism for business and pleasure. The management of travel and tourism concepts in the hospitality industry and related businesses around the world. International travel industry financial management, technology, economic planning and policy formulation. Previously offered as HRAD 4223 and HRAD 3223.

Members approved continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

HTM 4093 - European Travel and Tourism, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

Prerequisites: Instructor permission.

Description: In-depth examination of local/regional/national customs and cultures, and business practices related to travel and tourism in Europe. Previously offered as HRAD 4093. May not be used for degree credit with HTM 5093.

Members approved the I designation pending clarification of the timeline and details of how the course meets the requirements for the I designation in a detailed course schedule on the syllabus.

Chair will make the final decision.

HTM 4193 - European Cuisine and Beverages, requests continuation of the I, effective Spring 2022.

Prerequisites: Instructor permission.

Description: In-depth examination of the historical/modern influences, and local/regional/national customs and cultures related to cuisine and beverages in Europe. Previously offered as HRAD 4193. May not be used for degree credit with HTM 5193.

Members approved continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

LA 4053 - International Experience in Landscape Architecture – Asia, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

Prerequisites: Consent of appropriate faculty member.

Description: Participation in a formal or informal educational experience related with landscape architecture in Asia.

Members approved continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

LA 4063 - International Experience in Landscape Architecture – Peru, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

Prerequisites: Consent of appropriate faculty member.

Description: Participation in a formal or informal educational experience related with landscape architecture in Peru.

Members approved continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

LSB 4633 - Legal Aspects of International Business Transactions, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

Prerequisites: [LSB 3213](#) or equivalent.

Description: Legal aspects of operating a business entity engaged in international commerce. Topics may include: foreign business organizations, U.S. taxation of foreign investors, common clauses in transnational contracts, problems of technology transfer on the international market, anti-trust aspects of international business, and jurisdictional problems in resolving disputes. Course previously offered as BUSL 4633.

Members approved continuation of the I designation pending clarification of the present-day cultural content for the international designation. Members also noted that it was not clear if the writing assignments aligned with the present-day culture.

Chair will make final decision.

MC 4043 - Media Study Abroad, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: Participation in an international experience sponsored by the School of Media and Strategic Communications. This will typically involve the integrated study of a country or region regarding relevant cultural, commercial, historical, technological, political, and economic issues especially as those areas related to media and communication. May not be used for degree credit with [MC 5040](#) in same semester with same subtitle. Members tabled pending clarification of writing assignments, asking about the length of the magazine articles. Course goals addressed magazine production but it was not clear if the course content addressed present day international content. Members asked for additional information regarding the content and writing assignments related to the international designation and clarification of the page length. Members also asked if this course meets with MC 5040, a graduate-credit course, which would potentially make it ineligible for general education designation.

Council will make final decision.

MGMT 3013 - Fundamentals of Management, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: Survey of management principles and techniques. Examines a variety of issues at individual, team and organizational levels and challenges faced by today's managers.

Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

MGMT 4613 - International Management, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

Prerequisites: [MGMT 3013](#) or [MGMT 3123](#).

Description: Survey of the organization, planning and management of international operations of business firms. Exploration of major cultural, economic and political systems and their effects on the management function.

Members approved continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

MGMT 4943 - International Sports Management, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: A broad overview of the industry of sports around the globe. The historical, political, cultural, and business influences of sport development and management across the world will be discussed. The similarities and differences in organizational and management strategy from various countries, regions, and continents will also be examined.

Members approved continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

MKTG 3213 – Marketing, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

Prerequisites: Minimum of 45 credit hours.

Description: Marketing strategy and decision-making. Consumer behavior, marketing institutions, competition and the law.

Members approved continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022, but encouraged the unit to consider whether the weighting of the writing assignments is sufficiently heavy to discourage students from skipping any of these assignments.

NREM 4093 - Natural Resources, People and Sustainable Development, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: Relationship between people, the land, and associated natural resources in the developing world, including the ecological and cultural basis for resource use and development. Examines issues of traditional agriculture and deforestation, and explores sustainable strategies for land use, resource management, and community development. Includes two-week study abroad component. Previously offered as NREM 4393.

Members approved continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

NSCI 3543 - Food and the Human Environment, request continuation of the S and I designations, effective Spring 2021.

Description: Impact of the various factors that affect food availability, production, processing, distribution and consumption of food in the world. International cultures and foods. Challenges of and solutions to the world food crisis. Previously offered as FNIA 3543.

Members approved continuation of the S and I designations pending clarification of the present-day content for the I designation.

Chair will make the final decision.

POLS 2000 - Topics in American Politics, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: Introductory examination of timely topics and issues in American Politics. May be repeated with different topics.

Members tabled the S designation pending receipt of the syllabus detailing the writing assignments in relation to the S designation and providing evidence that students would receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments and how those writing assignments use theory and inquiry in relation to the S designation

Council will make final decision.

POLS 2010 - Topics in International Relations, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: Introductory examination of timely topics and issues in International Relations. May be repeated with different topics.

Members denied the I designation, effective the end of Spring 2023. The course content that was submitted did not appear to relate to present-day international culture.

POLS 2013 - Introduction to International Relations, requests the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: Analysis and explanation of the political, economic, and social relationships that exist between countries. Broad topics include major actors in international relations, the role of power on the global stage, interstate and civil conflict, cooperation, and economic security. The assumptions of major international relations theories, such as realism and liberalism, are explained. Previously offered as POLS 3013.

Members approved continuation the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

POLS 2020 - Topics in Public Law, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: Introductory examination of timely topics and issues in Public Law. Maybe repeated with different topics.

Members approved continuation of the S designation pending clarification of the writing assignments and detail on the syllabus regarding how the course meets the requirements for the S designation.

Courses designated "S" propose theoretical constructs based on empirical observation (including quantitative or qualitative methods) to explain human behavior and society in social and/or physical environments.

Chair will make final decision.

POLS 2110 - Topics in Comparative Politics, requests continuation of the I designation, effective, Spring 2022.

Description: Introductory examination of timely topics and issues in Comparative Politics. May be repeated with different topics.

Members tabled continuation of the I designation pending evidence that the course focuses on present-day topics in detail on the syllabus and in the writing assignments.
Council will make final decision.

POLS 2113 - Introduction to Comparative Politics, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Spring 2022.

Description: A study of the domestic politics, society, and economies in countries around the world.
Members approved continuation of the S and I designations, effective Spring 2022.

POLS 3123 - Russian & Eurasian Politics, requests continuation of the I designation, effective, Spring 2022.

Description: An overview of the major political, social, and economic challenges facing Russia and its neighbors.

Members approved the I designation pending clarification of the minimum length of the writing assignments and evidence that students have the opportunity to receive feedback writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments. One paper must be four pages.
Chair will make final decision.

POLS 3143 European Politics, requests continuation of the I designation, effective, Spring 2022.

Description: An overview of the major political, social, and economic challenges facing European countries.

Members tabled continuation of the I designation pending receipt of a syllabus clarifying that student will meet the 10-page writing requirements and there is 4-page paper that will be written individually. The intent of the writing requirement is that students have experience writing a paper of that length from start to finish.
Council will make final decision.

POLS 3163 African Politics, requests continuation of the I designation, effective, Spring 2022.

Description: An overview of the major political, social, and economic challenges facing African countries.
Members approved continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

POLS 3193 Latin American Politics, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Spring 2022.

Description: An overview of the major political, social, and economic challenges facing Latin American countries.

Members approved continuation off the S and I designations pending clarification that the topics of the writing assignment reflect present-day international culture.
Chair will make final decision.

POLS 3953 - Minorities in the American Political System, requests continuation of the S and D designations, effective Spring 2022.

Prerequisites: POLS 1113.

Members approved continuation of the S and D designations pending clarification of the writing feedback to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments.
Chair will make final decision.

POLS 3983 Courts and Judicial Process, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: The American judiciary and legal process from a political perspective with particular emphasis on judicial organization and powers, recruitment, fact-finding, decision-making, impact of decisions, the legal profession and relations among courts. Oklahoma judicial organization. Members approved the S designation pending clearer evidence that students will receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments. Chair will make final decision.

POLS 4053 War and World Politics, requests continuation of the I designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: Students are introduced to the scientific study of war. Topics include why countries engage in conflict, the conduct of war, the ways in which wars end, and how peace is maintained between former rivals.

Members approved the I designation pending clarification that the writing assignment is at least 10 pages with the opportunity for students to receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments.

Chair will make final decision.

POLS 4623 Oklahoma Politics, requests continuation of the S designation, effective Spring 2022.

Prerequisites: POLS 1113.

Description: Introduction to Oklahoma Politics. Topics include the evolution of Oklahoma political institutions; the struggle to shape the Oklahoma political culture with special attention to the role of race and woman suffrage; political issues; the structure of Oklahoma political institutions at the state and local levels; and elections.

Members approved the S designation pending clarification that students will have the opportunity to receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments.

Chair will make final decision.

4. **General Education Designations – Existing Courses – Approved Pending (Information Items Only)**

GEOG 3783 - The Middle East, requests continuation of the S and I designations, effective Fall 2021. (Cross-listing GLST 3783)

Description: A regional analysis of the Arab, Persian and Turkic lands that builds an understanding and experience with the Middle East. Historic and contemporary patterns highlight both tradition and modernity. Key themes include lifeways and social change, development and globalization, international relations and conflict, and natural resources and environment. Same course as [GLST 3783](#).

Members approved continuation of S and I designations pending receipt of a syllabus inclusive of more explanation and descriptive in syllabus and in course schedule on how the course meets the requirement that at least 50% of the course needs to focus on present time content for the international designation and how the course meets the requirements of the S and I need to be explicit and explained in the course syllabus and class schedule. Chair will make final decision.

1/31/22 – Received revised syllabus.

3/3/21 - Chair approved continuation of the permanent S and I designations, effective Spring 2022.

GEOG 4600 - Geography Study Abroad, requests continuation of the I permanent designation, effective Spring 2022.

Description: Participation in an international experience sponsored by the Department of Geography. Study Abroad courses typically involve the study of a country or region to provide an integrated understanding, through research and personal experience, of relevant cultural, historical, political,

economic and environmental issues. Offered for variable credit, 1-3 credit hours, maximum of 12 credit hours.

2/18/22 - Members approved continuing the I designation pending clarification that the course and writing assignments meet the "present times" criterion in the I requirements.

Revisions will be reviewed by the Chair.

2/28/22 – Received revised syllabus.

2/28/22 – Chair approved continuation of the permanent I designation, effective Spring 2022.

UNIV 3110 – Perspectives in International Leadership: McKnight Scholars, requests the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2022.

Members approved the I designation pending clarification of the dates when feedback is received. students must be able to receive feedback on writing assignments to be incorporated in subsequent writing assignments. revisions will be reviewed by chair.

2/28/22 – Revised syllabus received.

2/28/22 – Chair approved the I designation, one-time only, effective Summer 2022.

5. General Education Designations – Existing Courses – Approved by E-Mail Vote (Information Items Only)

SCFD 4320 – Special Topics in Social Foundations: Human Trafficking of Minors and the Role of Schools, requests D designation, effective May 2022 intersession.

3/1/22 – Members approved via e-mail vote the D designation, effective May 2022 intersession.

6. General Education Designations - Deletions (Information Items Only)

SCFD 4913 - International Issues and the Role of the School request deletion of the I designation, effective the end of Spring 2023.

7. Other