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EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

1 April 2010

A meeting of the Educational Policies Committee will be held on 1 April 2010 at 3 p.m. in Old Main 136 (Champ Hall Conference Room).

I. Approval of the minutes of the 4 March 2010 meeting (see attachment)

II. Subcommittee Reports

A. Curriculum Subcommittee (Ed Reeve)
   1. Course Approvals
   2. 2010-2011 Curriculum Subcommittee chair

B. Academic Standards Subcommittee (David Hole)

C. General Education Subcommittee (Richard Mueller)

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES
March 23, 2010, 8:30 A.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Norm Jones, Chair; Larry Smith, Provost’s Office; Charlie Huenemann, HASS; Kathy Chudoba (represented by Jeff Johnson), Business; Dick Mueller, Science; Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive; Don Cooley, CIL; Christie Fox, Honors; Mary Leavitt, HASS Advising; John Mortensen, Registrar’s Office; Carolyn Cárdenas, Creative Arts; Janet Anderson, Agriculture; Shelley Lindauer, Education; Nancy Mesner, Natural Resources; Rhonda Miller, Communications Literacy/Intensive; Wendy Holliday, Library; Craig Petersen, American Institutions; Roberta Herzberg, Social Sciences; Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising; Rob Barton, CIL.

Absent: Brian McCuskey, Humanities; Tyler Tolson, ASUSU President, Brock Dethier, HASS; Ryan Dupont, Life & Physical Sciences; Vince Lafferty, RCDE; Wynn Walker, Engineering.

Norm Jones called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.
Approval of Minutes
Charlie Huenemann moved to approve the minutes of February 16, 2010. Motion was seconded by Rhonda Miller and the motion was passed unanimously.

Course Approval
PSC 3420 (QI) – Pending
GEO/PHYS 3150 (QI) – Approved
GEO/PHYS 3150 (DSC) – Approved
APEC 5015 (CI) - Pending
SOC 3330 (DSS) - Pending
ECON 3200 (DSS) - Pending
PFP 1050 (BSS) - Pending
IELI 2470/2475 - Denied

Other Business
1. CIL was discussed by the committee with major input from both Don Cooley and Wendy Holliday representing opposing views concerning the direction CIL should take. Future meetings will be held with the CIL Committee with a final report due in April.
2. AACU LEAP Program with be launched on 14 April 2010 in SLC. It is hopeful that the LEAP program will facilitate a more efficient use of Gen Ed courses in College Core curriculums.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, April 20, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m. in Champ Hall

III. Other Business

Utah State University proposal to administratively move the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning to the College of Agriculture

Section I: The Action

Utah State University proposes to administratively move the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning (LAEP) to the College of Agriculture.

Section II: Need

In September of 2009, President Stan Albrecht directed the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences to explore restructuring to create two new colleges. Pres. Albrecht subsequently directed LAEP to identify the college at USU, including the resultant new colleges, most appropriate for the department to be administratively based in. The proposed action is the result of LAEP’s recommendation, and has the support of the faculty in LAEP, the department head of LAEP, and the dean of the College of Agriculture. The proposed action will take effect July 1, 2010.
Section III: Institutional Impact

Under the proposed new structure, the College of Agriculture will comprise six departments: Agriculture Systems Technology and Education; Animal Dairy and Veterinary Science; Applied Economics, Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning; Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences; and Plant, Soils and Climate. Placement of LAEP in the College of Agriculture will further strengthen the commitment of both the department and the college to sustainable development. It is not anticipated that the proposed move will have any negative impact on student enrollment or program accreditation.

Section IV: Finances

The proposed restructuring will not require any new physical facilities or fiscal resources.

EPC and Curriculum Subcommittee Schedule for 2010-2011

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