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A meeting of the Educational Policies Committee was held on 4 March 2010 at 3 p.m. in Old Main 136 (Champ Hall Conference Room).

Present: Ed Reeve, Chair (representing Larry Smith)
David Hole, Academic Standards Subcommittee Chair and Agriculture
Ed Reeve, Curriculum Subcommittee Chair and Engineering
Richard Mueller, General Education Subcommittee Chair (representing Norm Jones)
Scot Allgood, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Ed Glatfelter, HASS
Nancy Mesner, Natural Resources
Richard Mueller, Science
Bill Strong, Regional Campuses and Distance Education (representing Ronda Menlove)
Susan Crowley, Graduate Council
Bill Jensen, Registrar’s Office
Cathy Gerber, Registrar’s Office

Absent: David Olsen, Business
Erin Davis, Libraries
Rick Kelly, Graduate Student Senate President
Ben Croshaw, Academic Senate President

Visitors: Don Cooley, Computer Science Department
Jessica Hansen, Registrar’s Office

I. Minutes of the 4 February 2010 meeting
Ed Glatfelter moved to approve the minutes of the 4 February 2010 meeting. Nancy Mesner seconded; motion carried.
II. Subcommittee Reports

A. Curriculum Subcommittee

Ed Reeve reviewed the Curriculum Subcommittee business.

All courses were approved with the following changes:

The addition of IELI 2470 and 2475 and the title change of SPCH 5300, Visual Rhetoric.

The request from the Biological and Irrigation Department to move the M.S. and Ph.D. Irrigation Engineering degrees to the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering Department was approved.

The request from the Plants, Soils and Climate Department to consolidate the Crop Science and Horticulture majors within the department into one Plant Science major was approved.

The request from the Department of Computer Science to offer a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in China with an emphasis in Information Technology was moved to other business in the March 4, 2010 EPC agenda.

The request form the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business and the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences to offer a Certificate in Design Thinking and Innovation was a discussion item only. It was recommended that the Curriculum Subcommittee request that EPC charge the Academic Standards Subcommittee with creating a policy for non CTE certificate programs.

The request to implement a Graduate Route to Licensure in the School of Teacher Education and Leadership was approved.

Scot Allgood moved to approve the business of the Curriculum Subcommittee. Nancy Mesner seconded; motion carried.

B. Academic Standards Subcommittee

No report
GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES
February 16, 2010 8:30 A.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Norm Jones, Chair; Larry Smith, Provost’s Office; Charlie Huenemann, HASS; Vince Lafferty, RCDE; 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 (represented by Lee Rickords, Agriculture; Wynn Walker, Engineering; Shelley Lindauer, Education; Nancy Mesner, Natural Resources; Rhonda Miller, Communications Literacy/Intensive;

Absent: Brian McCuskey, Humanities; Wendy Holliday, Library; Tyler Tolson, ASUSU President, Brock Dethier, HASS; Craig Petersen, American Institutions; Roberta Herzberg, Social Sciences; Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising; Ryan Dupont, Life & Physical Sciences.

Norm Jones called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Approval of Minutes
Don Cooley moved to approve the minutes of January 19, 2010. Motion was seconded by Nancy Mesner and the motion was passed unanimously.

Course Approval
SSWA/ENVS 5640 (CI) – Approved. Rhonda Miller moved to approve. Motion was seconded by Nancy Mesner and the motion was passed unanimously.
PSC 3420 (QI) – Pending
GEO/PHYS 3150 (QI) – Approved.
GEO/PHYS 3150 (DSC) – Approved.
USU 1320 (BHU) – Approved.

Other Business
1. Discussion of requiring the CIL test as a prerequisite for ENGL 2010. It was agreed by the committee that the CIL test should remain as a prerequisite for ENGL 2010. Norm Jones will inform the English Department. It was requested the John Mortensen supply an e-mail contact list to Don Cooley of all those students who are currently enrolled in ENGL 1010. Larry Smith requested that the CIL committee attend the next Gen Ed Committee meeting on Tuesday, March 23, 2010, to have further discussion what is to be done with CIL.
2. John Mortensen – Articulation of Associate Degrees. John advised the committee regarding new rules regarding articulation of associate degrees. USU must now accept all Gen Ed requirements from transfer students with regional associate degrees (with the exception of math, English and American institutions -- everyone must meet Utah's standard for these). This includes the University of Phoenix.

3. Carolyn Cardenas discussed the visit from Deborah Humphries from Association of American Colleges and Universities to campus. She felt that this was a terrific resource. Discussion was had regarding Clusters. Christie Fox brought up the possibility of using Honors as a pilot program. Norm will bring more information to the next meeting.

4. Larry Smith addressed the concern of staffing for Gen Ed Courses next year. Take home message: The picture is not as bleak as what was predicted.

5. The meeting date for the Gen Ed Committee meeting date in March has been changed to Tuesday, March 23rd @ 8:30 a.m. in Champ Hall to avoid meeting over Spring Break

Next Meeting – Tuesday, March 23, 2010 @ 8:30 a.m. in Champ Hall

David Hole moved to approve the business of the General Education Subcommittee. Scot Allgood seconded; motion carried.

III. Other Business

Ed Glatfelter moved to approve the request from the Department of Computer Science to offer a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science in China with an emphasis in Information Technology. Scot Allgood seconded; motion carried. (see attachment one) (see attachment two)

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.
Ed Reeve conducted the meeting.
Cathy Gerber recorded the minutes.