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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

April 19, 2016
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Old Main – Champ Hall

Agenda

Call to Order – Richard Mueller

Approval of Minutes – February 16, 2016
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Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals

ARTH 3780 (CI)	Brock Dethier
AV 3300 (QI)	Dan Coster
AV 4710 (CI)	Brock Dethier
AV 4720 (CI)	Brock Dethier
ENGL 3470 (QI)	Dan Coster
ENGL 5310 (CI)	Brock Dethier
HIST 3060 (BHU/DHA)	Brian McCuskey
LAEP 4040 (CI)	Brock Dethier
MIS 3300 (QI)	Dan Coster

Business

USU Prefixes, The Final Discussion??

General Education Course Appeals – Janet Anderson

Election of 2016-2017 General Education Committee Chair



GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

February 16, 2016

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Old Main - Champ Hall

Present: Dawn Kirby, Chair
Harrison Kleiner, Connections
Mary Leavitt, Advising
Kacy Lundstrom, Library
Kris Miller, Honors
Melanie Nelson, USU Eastern
Michele Hillard, Secretary
Brock Dethier, Writing Program
John Mortensen, Student Services
Karen Mock, Natural Resources
Dean Adams, Engineering
Dick Mueller, Science
Brian McCuskey, Humanities
Bob Mueller, Regional Campus
Laura Gelfand, Arts
Larry Smith, Provost's Office
Dan McInerney, American Institutions

Absent: Jessica Hansen, Academic and Instructional Services
Lee Rickords, Agriculture and Applied Sciences
Kathy Chudoba, Business
Shelley Lindauer, Education and Human Services
Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences

Trevor Olsen, USUSA President
Eddy Berry, Social Sciences
Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising
Peggy Petrzelka, Social Sciences
Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts
Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive

Visitors: John Louviere, Director, Academic and Instructional Services
Robert Wagner, Dean, Academic and Instructional Services

Approval of Minutes – January 19, 2016

<https://usu.box.com/s/35yz18kfau0q9510pnouhvxwd7lrk3qt>

Motion to approve the minutes made by Dean Adams. Seconded by Laura Gelfand. Minutes approved.

Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals

ARTH 3770 (CI) **APPROVED**Brock Dethier

Motion to approve CI designation made by Laura Gelfand. Seconded by Dean Adams.

Designation approved.

Business

Recent Trends in General Education Design, Learning Outcomes, and Teaching Approaches

http://www.aacu.org/sites/default/files/files/LEAP/2015_Survey_Report2_GEtrends.pdf

Dan McInerney issued a caution regarding how the survey was done. He doesn't believe that the respondents teach students and is therefore concerned about the information. He also wonders if the programs exist in theory or in practice. Committee members agreed that the goals and learning outcomes are still not being understood by the students. A suggestion was made that we could measure this issue by conducting surveys with the sophomores. Gen Ed is a growing priority and employers are looking for skills and integration. Members discussed the practical uses of E-Portfolios, which are suggested in the report. They seem to be popular at SLCC and other universities statewide. Students seem to benefit from the critical thinking involved in compiling the portfolios, but other uses seem to be more for program assessment rather than demonstrating students' learning.

Meeting Students' needs for Enrollment in Classes

This subject will be moved to the March Gen Ed agenda.

Syllabus Tracking Tool (John Louviere)

John Louviere provide a demonstration of the Syllabus Tracking tool and explained how it can be customized for colleges and departments. The Syllabus Working Group formed by Ed Reeve, Chair of the USU Curriculum Committee and of which Dawn Kirby is a member, will continue working on this issue.

USU Prefixes vs. College Prefixes

Several colleges are looking at offering the USU courses with a departmental prefix. By making this change, we may be taking away the intended interdisciplinarity of the courses. Because USU courses are not required, USU courses may slowly fade away. Can we or should we mandate that departments continue teaching USU courses, or how do we propose new prefixes? These discussions will continue until a determination has been made on how and when to move forward.

Adjourned at 9:35 am.