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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

March 21, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Old Main – Champ Hall

Agenda

Call to Order – Lee Rickords

Approval of Minutes – February 21, 2017 – ([link](#))

Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals
<https://usu.curriculog.com/>

- PEP 2900 (BCA) Cindy Dewey
- PHYS 2310 (BPS/QI) Ryan Dupont / David Brown
- PHYS 2320 (BPS/QI) Ryan Dupont / David Brown
- POLS 3200 (CI) Brock Dethier
- POLS 3430 (DSS) Damon Cann
- WATS 3910 (DSC/QI) Ryan Dupont / David Brown

Business

- Canvas Resource Page for Academic Advisors Mykel Beorchia/Harrison Kleiner
- Humanities Designation Subcommittee Evaluation Criteria Brian McCuskey

The Humanities subcommittee proposes the following addition to its evaluation criteria for course proposals: *"The Humanities subcommittee will consider proposals only from departments whose General Education categorization is Humanities. Special cases may apply, but the proposing department will have to explain satisfactorily both its reasons and its resources for offering a course outside its category."*

General Education requires students (1) to take six Breadth courses that introduce them to “the nature, history, and methods of different disciplines,” and (2) to take two Depth courses in disciplines “outside their major.”

To guide students as they meet these requirements, USU categorizes each departmental major as Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences, Physical Sciences, or Life Sciences. See “Categorization of Majors” on the General Education Depth Requirement webpage.

It would run counter to the goal of General Education, then, for a department to offer either Breadth or Depth courses outside of its category. In offering such a Breadth course, a department would be teaching “the nature, history, and methods” of a discipline not its own. Doing so would also allow students to take more than one kind of Breadth course in the *same department*. In offering such a Depth course, a department would be allowing its own majors to meet that Depth requirement *without going outside the major*.

Adjourn:



GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

February 21, 2017

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Old Main - Champ Hall

Present: Lee Rickords, Agriculture and Applied Sciences (Chair)
Michele Hillard, Secretary
Erin Davis for Kacy Lundstrom, Library
Dean Adams, Engineering
Barbara Williams, Registrar's Office
Brock Dethier, Writing Program
Harrison Kleiner, Connections
Bob Mueller, Regional Campus
Laura Gelfand, Arts
David Brown, Quantitative Intensive
Stephanie Hamblin, Exploratory Advising
Mykel Beorchia, University Advising
Matt Sanders, Humanities and Social Sciences
Dick Mueller, Science
Kris Miller, Honors
Claudia Radel, Natural Resources
Konrad Lee, Business
Brian McCuskey, Humanities
Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts
Melanie Nelson, USU Eastern
Ashley Waddoups, USUSA President
Elise Anderson, Provost's Office

Absent: Ed Reeve, Provost's Office
Janet Anderson, Office of the Provost
Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences
Jessica Hansen, Academic and Instructional Services
Damon Cann, Social Sciences
Dan McInerney, American Institutions
Shelley Lindauer, Education and Human Services
John Mortensen, Student Services

Visitors: Kaylee Roholt, Academic Advisor, School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education
Chris Corcoran, Head, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Call to Order – Lee Rickords

Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2017
Minutes approved.

Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals

ARTH 3755 (CI) **APPROVED**

Motion to approve CI designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Harrison Kleiner.

BIOL 4650 (DSC | CI) **APPROVED**

Motion to approve CI designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Harrison Kleiner.

Motion to approve DSC designation made by Dick Mueller. Seconded by Laura Gelfand.

PHIL 1500 (BHU) **APPROVED**

Motion to approve BHU designation made by Brian McCuskey. Seconded by Claudia Radel.

WATS 3450 (DSC) **APPROVED**

Motion to approve DSC designation made by Dick Mueller. Seconded by Claudia Radel.

Business

Senate Bill 196

USU Implementation of Senate Bill 196 as it relates to Math ACT score

1. No longer waive the QL requirement for students who receive an ACT Math score of 25 or higher. If approved, this would be effective for students who begin attending USU Summer 2017 or later.
2. Award 3 credits for students who receive an ACT Math score of 26 or higher, or an equivalent SAT Math score. If approved, this change would be effective for students who took the ACT exam September 2016 or later. Like other examinations, this information would be posted as transfer credit with a P grade, and would be listed as ACTM 1XXX (QL) on the transcript. As transfer credit, the credits will count toward the 120 credits needed for graduation, but will not count toward the 30 credits in residency at USU.

Motion to approve made by Claudia Radel. Seconded by Dick Mueller.

Departments Offering Designation Courses Outside of Expertise

Is it appropriate for departments to offer courses outside of their disciplines? Will students get the correct Gen Ed experience by taking classes that are specifically dedicated to their major? The Gen Ed committee's task is to help students become more, well-rounded in their college experience. Language will be added to the humanities criteria stating that faculty must have some knowledge/experience in teaching courses with a humanities designation.

Substitution for Exploration Requirement (follow-up)

Proposed Changes to the Exploratory Requirement

1. Change the name from Exploratory Requirement to Integrated Studies Requirement
2. Add the additional means of satisfying this requirement

The new requirement would be: Integrated Studies Requirement (2-4 credits)

Choose an additional class from one of the following General Education or Depth Education categories: QL, BAI, BCA, BHU, BLS, BPS, BSS, CI, QI, DHA, DSC, or DSS.

Motion to approve the change made by Konrad Lee. Seconded by Matt Sanders.

Adjourn: 9:20 am