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GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

8 March 2005 8:30 a.m.
Champ Hall Conference Room

A meeting of the General Education Subcommittee was held on 8 March at 8:30 a.m. in the Champ Hall Conference Room.

Membership Norm Jones, Chair
Mary Leavitt, Advising (excused)
Jeffrey Smitten, English
John Mortensen, Advising
Richard Mueller, College of Science
John Lackstrom, Languages
Cindy Moulton, Registrar's Office
Tyler Bowles, Economics
Vince Lafferty, Continuing Education
Stacie Gomm, CIL
Mark Brunson, Natural Resources (excused)
Tom Peterson, Interior Design (excused)
Richard Cutler, Mathematics & Statistics
Ryan Dupont, Civil and Environmental Engineering (excused)
Renee Galliher, Psychology, College of Education & Human Services
Gary Straquadine, Associate Vice Provost Office
Joyce Kinkead, Vice Provost (excused)
Wendy Holliday, Library
Heidi Evans, ASUSU (excused)

- I. Approval of Minutes of 11 January meeting minutes – the Chair forgot to ask for their approval.
- II. Other Business
Gary Straquadine presented data for depth courses. The purpose is to track the depth courses in the Science, Humanities and Social Sciences area to see how many students are enrolled in each section and which courses are on the schedule, but have never been taught. Gary also presented the results from a survey that was administered to advisors in trying to find what causes bottleneck courses. The results were as follows: 44.9% reported that the courses were filled to capacity by the time the student is allowed to register for the course; 23.0% bottleneck courses have limited enrollment; double the enrollment to a reasonable level; 18.3% reported that student's school schedule, work schedule, and/or personal life prevent them from taking required courses that are offered at specific times of the day; 7.1% some bottleneck courses have pre-requisites that prevent open access; and 6.1% reported that the high standards and academic rigor of many bottleneck courses results in students having to repeat the course until a satisfactory grade is earned resulting in bottleneck courses with a modest enrollment of course repeaters.

II. Course Approvals

a. FCSE 3080 – DHA

The committee has not submitted a recommendation.

b. GERM 4650 – DHA

Jeff Smitten noted that the committee recommended approval. Motion passed.

c. HIST 3460 – DHA

The committee is waiting on a response from the instructor, Dr. Glatfelter, to proceed.

d. HIST 4400 – DHA

The committee is waiting on a response from the instructor.

e. HIST 4720 – DHA

The committee is waiting on a response from the instructor who is on sabbatical until next year.

f. POLS 4310 – CI

The committee recommended approval. Motion passed.

g. USU 1340 – Mark Brunson was not available to update the committee on this course approval.

III. AP Art Update

Tom Peterson was not available to update the committee on AP Art.

IV. CIL Discussion

Stacie Gomm presented a CIL concern. The CIL allows students to gain computer skills that are useful for them while attending Utah State. Seniors have gotten through the net in taking CIL. There needs to be a system that motivates students to take the CIL their 1st year. It was suggested that a registration block be placed on students that have a certain amount of credits. Another suggestion was to increase the fee to \$60 instead of \$30. Norm proposed that Stacie draft a proposal for the increased fee and registration block.

IV. Heidi Beck's Question/Email

Some colleges want to tailor General Education Course choices that are specific to their college. Tyler Bowles suggested that it's all about presentation and students must see the same list of General Education courses. The committee recommends that they follow the Business model by showing the list of all possible General Education courses, showing required or recommended courses on the major requirement sheet. This allows students to see which courses count for their major and general education requirements.

VI. Other

No other business was introduced.

The Committee adjourned at 9:20 a.m.