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GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

7 March 2006 8:30 a.m.

Champ Hall Conference room

Membership Norm Jones, Chair

Mary Leavitt, Advising (ex-officio)

Jeffrey Smitten, English (Chair of the Humanities Sub-committee)

John Mortensen, Advising (ex-officio)

Richard Mueller, College of Science

John Lackstrom, Languages, College of HASS

Shelley Lindauer, College of Education & Human Services

Tyler Bowles, Economics, College of Business (Chair of American Institutions Sub-committee)

Vince Lafferty, Continuing Education

Rob Barton, CIL (ex-officio)

Mark Brunson, Natural Resources (Chair of Social Sciences sub-committee)

Tom Peterson, Interior Design (Chair of Fine Arts sub-committee)

Richard Cutler, Mathematics & Statistics (Chair of QL/QI sub-committee)

Ryan Dupont, Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering (Chair of Science sub-committee)

Gary Straquadine, College of Agriculture, Vice Provost for Academic & Faculty Services

Joyce Kinkead, Vice Provost for Undergraduate Studies & Research

Wendy Holliday, Library

Roland Squire, Registrar's Office and Class Scheduling

Spencer Watts, ASUSU

Rhonda Miller (Chair of the CL/CI sub-committee)

Excused: Joyce Kinkead, Tyler Bowles, Richard Cutler, Ryan Dupont, Wendy Holliday, Mark Brunson, Spencer Watts

- I. Approval of Minutes of February 2006 meeting minutes
 - a. Moved and seconded for approval.

- II. Course Approvals
 - a. HONR 1320 – BHU
The committee recommends approval.
 - b. THEA 3450 – DHA
Tom Peterson has not received additional information that was requested.
No action.
 - c. THEA 3400 – DHA (Per committee more information required)
Tom Peterson has not received additional information that was requested.
No action.
 - d. SOILS 4000 – DSC
Ryan Dupont was not available to report
 - e. LANG 3550 – Norm - DHA
The committee recommends approval.

Other Business

- I. Jeff Smitten raised a question as to whether or not we have too many depth courses and if there are guidelines on how many we should offer. Gary Straquadine reported that in the last 5 years there have been 52 depth courses taught; 18 have not been taught in the last year and 13 have been filled. The committee agreed that it would be useful to have in the policy the mechanism to review these courses that have not been taught in the past 3-5 years. Norm Jones will draft a Course Review Policy for the committee to review at the next meeting.
- II. Southern Virginia Articulation (follow up) – John Mortensen
John Mortensen reminded the committee that he has not heard from the Creative Arts and Physical Science chairs.
- III. Math/Stats Placement Exam – Dick Mueller
Dick Mueller reported that the state was looking at a state-wide placement exam, but have decided not to go this route. Utah State is looking at a couple of options. This could go in to affect as soon as Fall.
- IV. Mathematics Short Course – Dick Mueller
Dick Mueller reported that they are looking at offering a math refreshers course during the week before classes.
- V. Role of Languages in General Education – Charlie Huenemann
Charlie Huenemann asked what the role of languages was in General Education. Norm will hold further discussion with Charlie about possible policy recommendations concerning languages and general education.