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**GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE  
MINUTES**

07 November 2006, 8:30 a.m.  
Champ Hall Conference Room

**Present:** Norm Jones - Chair  
Steven Hanks, Vice Provost  
Tyler Bowles - Business, Economics  
Christie Fox - Honors Program  
Wendy Holliday - Libraries, Reference Services  
Charlie Huenemann - HASS, LPSC  
Vince Lafferty - Regional Campuses  
Mary Leavitt - Science/HASS Advising Center (ex-officio)  
Shelley Lindauer - Education & Human Services, FCHD  
Nancy Mesner - College of Natural Resources  
Rhonda Miller - Agriculture, ASTE  
John Mortensen - Registrar's Office (ex-officio)  
Richard Mueller - Science, Biology  
Tom Peterson - HASS, Interior Design  
Jeff Smitten - HASS, English  
Roland Squire - Scheduling (ex-officio)  
Trent Duffy - ASUSU (*for Michelle Lundberg*)

**Excused:** Rob Barton, Richard Cutler, Ryan Dupont, Jagath Kaluarachchi, Michelle Lundberg, Noah Riley

**I. Approval of Minutes of October 3, 2006**

Moved, seconded and carried.

**II. Course Approvals**

- a. HIST 3900 – DSC  
Ryan Dupont was not present; held over for December meeting.
- b. PSY 3500 – CI  
Rhonda Miller asked for more time to review, as she has requested more information from faculty.

**III. Implementation of the Changed AP Credit Policy – John Mortensen**

John distributed the 2007-2008 Advanced Placement Credit Allocation and explained the credit reduction (from 8 credits to 6 for a full-year course, and from 4 credits to 3 for a half-year course) which takes effect July 1, 2007. The issue was whether USU should use the date on which the test was taken or that date on which the student registered as a cutoff for the 8 credit.

It was moved and seconded to accept the AP Credit Policy based on the date of the examination. Students who took an AP exam before July 1, 2007 will fall under the current policy and will receive the greater credit amount without regard to when they register. The motion was seconded and carries w/ one opposed.

**IV. Discussion of Discontinuing the Articulation with the California Intersegmental General Education Transfer Curriculum (IGETC) – John Mortensen**

USU accepts associate degrees from the California system as meeting our general education requirements. It was recently discovered that Fullerton College was granting associates degrees that do not meet our quantitative and communications standards. It was discussed

whether we should suspend our articulation of the with all 106 California colleges in the IGETC program, or to leave the language as it is in the General Catalog that states the student with Associates degrees may be required to satisfy USU general education requirements. The committee decided to continue the articulation with the IGETC, leaving the following caveat in the catalog: "If the transcript from the transfer school does not have the required areas covered to meet USU standards, students will be asked to take a class at USU to complete these areas." John was asked to contact the California state board to inform them of our finding with Fullerton College.

**V. Information Literacy Subcommittee – Norm Jones/ Wendy Holliday**

This committee was formed last month at the request of Wendy Holliday for the purpose of determining how to get Information Literacy into breadth courses. The committee will set goals and prepare for implementation into some of the courses.

Andi will add a link on the Gen Ed Subcommittee web page to the library's information on Information Literacy.

Tom Peterson and Charlie Huenemann volunteered to serve on this committee along with current members Wendy Holliday, Jeff Smitten, Christi Fox, Rhonda Miller and Richard Cutler. It was suggested to contact Doug Harrison and Mark Damen. Any other recommendations can be forwarded to Wendy.

**VI. Credit Requirements for DHA Courses – Tom Peterson**

There are seven Depth Humanities and Creative Arts courses that have varying credits, although the only requirement is to complete one course, no matter how many credits it carries. There was discussion on modifying the Depth humanities and Creative Arts course requirements to a minimum of two or three credits. Consideration was given to time commitment and cost issues created with these minimums when independent study courses are involved.

Charlie Huenemann motioned to change the policy to require 2 credits minimum for all depth DHA courses. Christie Fox seconded the motion; the motion carried.

**Other Business**

1. Norm Jones stated that the committee terms needed to be addressed so that this subcommittee is working under code. Members are to serve two years and the chair is elected annually. Norm asked if anyone was ready to step down, as most have served more than a two-year term. No one volunteered, so their appointments will continue.
2. Randy Simmons will replace Mark Brunson as Chair of the Social Sciences Subcommittee.

Tom Peterson moved to retain Norm Jones as chair of the General Education Subcommittee of EPC. Richard Mueller seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Andi McCabe will prepare a list for the committee that specifies terms for each member and will distribute.

2. Vince Lafferty raised the issue of Weber State's substitution of Philosophy for Quantitative Literacy. Norm reported that the Regents' Task Force on General Education was to discuss this issue and make a recommendation to the Regents concerning the interpretation of R451 and its expectation that Math 1010 be a prerequisite for Gen Ed Quantitative Literacy courses.