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**General Education Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 6, 2007, 8:30 am  
Champ Hall Conference Room**

*Present:* Norm Jones, Guy Denton (for Vince Lafferty), Ryan Dupont, Christie Fox, Stephanie Hamblin, Steven Hanks, Wendy Holliday, Charlie Huenemann, Mary Leavitt, Shelly Lindauer, Rhonda Miller, John Mortensen, Richard Mueller, Jeff Smitten, Gary Straquadine

*Absent:* Rob Barton, Tyler Bowles, Richard Cutler, Jagath Kaluarachchi, Vince Lafferty, Nancy Messner, Tom Peterson, Richard Ratliff, Noah Riley, Randy Simmons, Roland Squire, Gary Straquadine

**I. Approval of Minutes of January 6, 2007 Minutes**

A motion was made to approve the minutes of January 6, 2007; motion carried unanimously.

**II. Course Approvals**

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|--------------------|-----------------------|
| a. HIST 3900 – DSC | Approved              |
| b. PSY 3500 – CI   | Approved              |
| c. CS 3410 – QI    | Held over until March |
| d. CS 3430 – QI    | Held over until March |
| e. CS 3420 – DSC   | Held over until March |
| f. CS 3430 – DSC   | Held over until March |
| g. CS 1060 – BPS   | Held over until March |

**III. Discussion Items**

- a. Syllabus for USU 1350 from Tooele
  - i. Discussion that syllabus must be recommended several months before beginning of class and that it must meet USU criteria and be approved
  - ii. Website for Breadth syllabi criteria:  
[http://www.usu.edu/provost/academic\\_initiatives/breadth.cfm#1350](http://www.usu.edu/provost/academic_initiatives/breadth.cfm#1350)
- b. Articulation with Northwest College in Wyoming
  - i. Northwest College in Wyoming is willing to state USU requirements (provided to them by John Mortenson) with their course descriptions and thus it is recommended that the college be approved for course articulation.
  - ii. Motion made to approve articulation with Northwest College in Wyoming; motion carried unanimously.
  - iii. Request that all colleges/universities that have asterisks be identified in Banner on articulation screen
- c. Associate degrees with partial articulation

- d. Subcommittee reports on prerequisites for USU courses
  - i. No progress reported
  - ii. Question that needs to be addressed is where the entry point will be set
    - a) Agreement that requirements for high school graduation should be met prior to taking a USU concurrent enrollment course
    - b) Link changes in prerequisites to the Regents Scholarship which is given to students who complete tougher high school curriculum
    - c) Request that the next meeting agenda include discussion on basing prerequisites on new scholarships offered to high school students

### III. **Other Business**

- a. Discussion of commercial program started in Utah County called "Easiest Math Ever" which programs students' calculators to help them get through math General Ed. requirements. It was using BYU as a vehicle but, detected by UVSC, it is now operating out of schools in Oklahoma and Kansas. Steve will get the details and the Registrar will check to see if students are transferring math credits in from these institutions.
- b. CAO's are currently discussing Weber State University's offer of a Philosophy, Deductive Logic course that can be taken as an alternative to the General Ed. math requirement
  - i. Weber is being allowed to try it and then bring back validated documentation that the course provides sufficient instruction to not require a math class. For the moment, WSU is telling its students that the course will not transfer as Gen Ed
  - ii. The Regents' General Education Task Force is asking for clarification about the testing that will be used, and whether the current law requiring all Utah institutions to accept the Gen Ed of all Utah institutions will create a loop hole that circumvents the state math policy.
- c. Discussion of having the math ACT grandfathered. Agreement that there is no problem in doing so.

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 9:05 am.