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GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2008 - 8:30 a.m.

Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Norm Jones (Chair), Steven Hanks, Phebe Jensen, Wynn Walker, Nancy Mesner, Richard Mueller, Cathy Hartman, Gary Straquadine, Vince Lafferty, Richard Cutler, Tom Peterson, Jeff Smitten, Rob Barton, Stephanie Hamblin, Mary Leavitt, John Mortensen, Rhonda Miller

Absent: Shelley Lindauer, Wendy Holliday, Peter McChesney, Tyler Bowles, Ryan Dupont, Christie Fox

I. Approval of Minutes

Richard Cutler motioned that the minutes of February 5, 2008 be approved as submitted. Tom Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Course Approvals

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| a. ARTH 4510 – CI | Withdrawn |
| b. ARTH 4610 – CI | Approved |
| c. ARTH 4620 – CI | Withdrawn |
| d. ARTH 4630 – CI | Withdrawn |
| e. ARTH 4720 – CI | Approved |
| f. SPAN 3510 – CI | Pending |
| g. WILD 3300 – CI | Pending |
| h. MUSC 3660 – DHA | Withdrawn |
| i. PORT 3570 – DHA | Received correct course outline. Approved. |
| j. COMD 3400 – DSC | Denied |
| k. WGS 1010 – BSS | Pending formation of subcommittee |
| l. MS 1010 – BSS | Pending formation of subcommittee |
| m. MS 1020 – BSS | Pending formation of subcommittee |

III. Syllabus Approval

- a. COMD 3400: Acoustics and Anatomy and Physiology of the Ear (D Laws) – Denied. The course is clearly aimed at providing a DSC for ComD majors. The policy states: “Approved 3000-level or above courses must be taken from two of the following three categories: Depth Humanities and Creative Arts (DHA), Depth Life and Physical Sciences (DSC), and Depth Social Sciences (DSS). Each student must select at least one course from each of the two categories which do not include his or her major (e.g., Sociology majors would select one or more 3000-level or above courses from the Depth Humanities and Creative Arts and one or more 3000-level or above courses from the Depth Life and Physical Sciences),” <http://www.usu.edu/universitystudies/requirements/>. The Committee felt that it was inappropriate to make it a DSC. If the department wishes, the Committee would be delighted to look at a proposal for a DSC course accessible to non ComD majors.

IV. Other Business

- a. Norm held a BCA 1330 Faculty Meeting yesterday to discuss the report of the committee that was chosen to review all BCA courses. They had a good discussion and appreciated the opportunity to meet together. Most courses were designed ten years ago and everyone agreed it was time to have them reviewed. The instructors will make the recommended changes and submit amended syllabi for review by the BCA committee before their courses are taught again. The BCA faculty supported the suggested amendment to Appendix A of Criteria for Approved Breadth Courses: Creative Arts.

Recommended addition to the Criteria for department-specific courses:

Content: ~~The course will utilize examples and illustrations from a variety of media, for instance, theater, music, literature, dance, painting, sculpture, architecture, attire, and interior design.~~ Issues to be addressed include: "What is art?" and "What functions do the arts serve?" The course will also consider the specific fine, applied, or performing art in its historical and social context **and among varying cultures.**

Tom Peterson moved that the suggested changes be accepted. Richard Cutler seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Norm expressed the need to establish a database of names for future breadth course reviews. He asked that committee members email him with any suggested names.

- b. Math 1060 (trigonometry) as a QL course. It has been brought to the attention of the Board of Regents that there is an inconsistency on whether a prerequisite is required for Math 1060, whether it meets the QL requirements, and whether it is a 2 or 3 credit course. Norm asked Richard Cutler to seek the recommendation of his colleagues and we will discuss it again next month. Comments will be welcome from anyone. He also asked Steve Hanks to talk to Weber State to see how well it is working to use a philosophy course as a QL requirement.
- c. Statewide Outcomes Discussion. The Regents Task Force on General Education is revising the general education outcomes in the Regents' policy. There will be a series of gen ed area meetings. The Task Force is particularly concerned about receiving input from Social Sciences and Humanities. If you are invited to attend, please participate.
- d. Social Sciences Subcommittee. We are getting behind in our reviews because Norm is having a hard time finding someone to Chair the subcommittee. He asked for a volunteer, but no one accepted. He will meet with Cathy Hartman, Joe Tainter, Roberta Herzberg, and Bonnie Glass-Coffin after spring break to explain their duties on the subcommittee and select the Chair. In the meantime, they will be sent several requests for course approvals to read before the meeting.
- e. John Mortensen stated that Associate degrees from California are being articulated, but some of the USU criteria have not been met in them. He asked that the articulation of Associate degrees be placed on the agenda for next month.

- V. **Next Meeting.** The meeting adjourned at 9:11 a.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 1, 2008, at 8:30 a.m.