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## GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE

### Meeting Minutes

September 16, 2008 - 8:30 a.m.

Champ Hall Conference Room #136

**Present:** Richard Mueller (Chair), Larry Smith, Wendy Holliday, Phebe Jensen, Wynn Walker, Vince Lafferty, Shelley Lindauer, Grady Brimley, Craig Petersen, Richard Cutler, Tom Peterson, Cathy Hartman, Brian McCuskey, Rob Barton, Christie Fox, Stephanie Hamblin, Mary Leavitt, John Mortensen

**Absent:** Nancy Mesner, Gary Straquadine, Ryan Dupont, Rhonda Miller

#### I. Approval of Minutes

Grady Brimley motioned that the minutes of April 1, 2008, be approved as submitted. The motion was seconded by Wendy Holliday and was unanimously approved.

#### II. Course Approvals

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| a. HIST 4891 (DHA): Denise Conover       | Approved                            |
| b. SPAN 3510 (CI): J.P. Spicer-Escalante | Removed pending further information |
| c. ID 3730 (QI): Darrin Brooks           | Approved                            |

#### III. Syllabus Approval

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| a. Honors 3020 (DHA): Christie Fox<br>Current Events and the Humanities     | Approved                       |
| b. USU 1320 (BHU): David Goetze<br>Rise and Collapse of Human Civilizations | Approved                       |
| c. USU 1330: Michael Ballam<br>Creative Arts                                | Pending review by Tom Peterson |
| d. USU 1350: Tim Graham<br>Integrated Life Science                          | Incomplete submittal           |
| e. USU 1330: David Sidwell<br>Civilization: Creative Arts                   | Pending review by Tom Peterson |

#### IV. Other Business

- a. **Continue Requiring or Waive CIL Credits From All Non-Utah Schools.** John Mortensen reminded everyone of the discussion that took place at the April meeting regarding the lack of CIL completion for students with associates degrees from Utah vs. out-of-state institutions. They are treated differently due to Regents policy that requires USU to accept in state associates as meeting all Gen Ed requirements. It was decided that at the next EPC meeting Richard Mueller would propose that CIL be kept within the Gen Ed requirements (as opposed to making it a graduation requirement), but that it be a prerequisite for English 2010, for all depth courses, and possibly some majors. Students will also be encouraged to take it early. Brian McCuskey will talk to Jeff Smitten about possible consequences this change would have on the English Department.

- b. **Teaching Sustainability within the GE Curriculum.** Richard Mueller stated that the Sustainability Curriculum Subcommittee met over the summer and presented their recommendations for incorporation to the Sustainability Council last week, but they asked for more detail so there is nothing new to report to this committee today. The Gen Ed Subcommittee stated that they would like some recommendations for incorporation, but the committee shouldn't spend too much time on them because their ideas will be reworked by the Gen Ed Designation Subcommittees.
- c. **Review Application/Approval Process Information Sheet for Web.** There is a need to help clarify the application and approval process. Richard Mueller distributed a draft to everyone and asked them to review it and send their recommendations to him. He will discuss it at the next EPC meeting and seek their approval before it is posted online.
- d. **Educated Person's Conference.** This annual statewide Gen Ed Conference will be held on November 7 at Snowbird. If anyone is interested in attending, contact Richard Mueller or Monica Ingold in History.

**V. Next Meeting – October 21, 2008**