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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 20, 2011 8:30 A.M.

Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Rhonda Miller, Communications Literacy/Intensive; Brian McCuskey, English; Larry Smith, Provost's Office; Dick Mueller, Science; Roberta Herzberg, Social Sciences; Kathy Chudoba, Business; Norm Jones, Chair; Carolyn Cárdenas, Creative Arts; Wendy Holliday, Library; Erik Mikkelsen, ASUSU President; Bruce Saperston, Arts; Wynn Walker, Engineering; Tom Bunch, Agriculture; John Mortensen, Registrar's Office; Mary Leavitt, HASS Advising; Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising, Charlie Huenemann, HASS; Brock Dethier, HASS; Vince Lafferty, RCDE; Susan Neel, USU Eastern; Michele Hillard, Secretary; Craig Petersen, American Institutions; Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive; Teryl Roper, Agriculture; Nancy Mesner, Natural Resources;

Absent: Ryan Dupont, Life & Physical Sciences; Christie Fox, Honors;

Call to Order – Norm Jones

Approval of Minutes – April 19, 2011

Charlie Huenemann moved to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2011 meeting. Nancy Mesner seconded; motion carried.

Course Approvals

ASTE 4100 (QI) – APPROVED: Dan Coster moved to approve; Dick Mueller seconded; motion carried

AV 2720 (CI) – PENDING: Decision needs to be made as to whether CI should be upper division or lower.

SOC 1020 (BSS) – APPROVED: Roberta Herzberg moved to approve; Rhonda Miller seconded; motion carried.

Syllabus Approvals

HONR 1340 (BSS) – (Christie Fox) APPROVED: Roberta Herzberg moved to approve; Rhonda Miller seconded; motion carried.

USU 1300 (BAI) – (Susan Neel, Don Larson) APPROVED: Dan Coster moved to approve; Roberta Herzberg seconded; motion carried.

USU 1320 (BHU/DHU) – (Lisa Gabbert) WITHDRAWN

Other Business

University Studies Requirements Website – CIL designation - John Mortensen updated the link to go to the online catalog. These links/locations no longer include CIL.

Chairman Nomination – Norm Jones opened the floor for nominations. Bruce Saperston nominated Norm Jones, Vince Lafferty seconded the motion. After a unanimous vote Norm Jones was elected Gen Ed Chair for 2011-2012.

CI Courses – Rhonda Miller explained to the committee that policy states only courses 3000 level and above can be CI courses. The statement that CI can be at any level needs to be removed. Incorporating this change requires the removal of the CI designation from the following courses:

COMD 2910, CS 2450, JCOM 2160, LAEP 2700, MIS 2200, MUSC 1460, MUSC 1470, OSS 1550, SPCH 1020, SPCH 2110.

These changes would take affect summer 2012. Outstanding issues will be handled on a case by case basis. Rhonda Miller moved to approve; Carolyn Cárdenas seconded; motion carried.

Educated Persons Conference – November 4 at Snowbird

Wendy Holliday will be speaking at this conference. The “Assessing Learning Outcomes” link follows: http://www.ala.org/ala/mgrps/divs/acrl/events/national/2011/papers/harmonic_convergence.pdf. The keynote speaker at this event will be the Vice President of the Lumina Foundation. Discussions will be on the introduction of Degree Qualification Profiles (DQP). They focus on the levels of achievement and what should be accomplished by the end of 60 hours and at the end of the student’s bachelor’s or master’s degree. Registration information for the Educated Persons Conference is located at the following link: <http://www.higheredutah.org/what-is-an-educated-person-conference-round-xiv/>

Presidential task Force on Curriculum Report

The purpose of this task force is to look at curriculum and figure out how to make it more efficient and effective. This will help with staffing, retention and graduation. John Mortensen stated that the undergraduate enrollment has increased by more than 400 from last year’s numbers. Enrollment is just under 15,100 with 3100 new freshman. Thanks to everyone who helped find seating for the incoming freshman.

Summer School Program

Norm has submitted a proposal for a General Education summer school program. This effort will help alleviate the bottlenecks with fall classes by funneling students to summer. A unitary summer General Education program is needed to prevent scheduling conflicts and improve course availability. The students should be able to take classes back to back without any overlapping. The question was asked – “what about financial aid for summer?” Usually financial aid is for two semesters. Summer school could cause some problems in this area. Advising will check into this issue.

Tuning

Utah has received more money from the Lumina Foundation for Tuning. Dan Coster will be working on Tuning in the Math department and will doing this during the fall break. Also included in the Tuning will be Elementary Education, Physics Teaching, and History Teaching.

Majors’ Meetings

The annual Majors’ Meeting will be held September 30 on the campus of the Salt Lake Community College.

Concurrent Enrollment

Ed Jensen has spoken with Norm Jones regarding the oversight/assessing of the USU courses offered through concurrent enrollment. Is oversight the responsibility of the department or the location? Vince Lafferty agreed that this is something that needs to be looked at and we need to understand what the mechanism is for oversight of this issue. Vince will gather the details and give us a clearer picture in order to proceed and make a decision. In order to have this done correctly we need to find experienced teachers who are willing to do the oversight. Vince will be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned

Next Meeting – October 18, 2011 @ 8:30 a.m. in Champ Hall