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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 21, 2012 8:30 A.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Christie Fox, Honors; Dick Mueller, Science; Kathy Chudoba, Business; Norm Jones, Chair; Susan Neel, USU Eastern; Michele Hillard, Secretary; Carolyn Cárdenas, Creative Arts; Wendy Holliday, Library; Nancy Mesner, Natural Resources; Charlie Huenemann, CHaSS; Brock Dethier, CHaSS; Rhonda Miller, Communications; John Mortensen, Registrar's Office; Roberta Herzberg, Social Sciences; Erik Mikkelsen, ASUSU President; Ryan Dupont, Life & Physical Sciences; Brian McCuskey, English; Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising; Cindy Dewey, Music; Susie Parkinson for Mary Leavitt, Advising; Vince Lafferty, Regional Campuses;

Absent: Janet Anderson, Agriculture; Craig Petersen, American Institutions; Larry Smith, Provost's Office; Travis Peterson, RCDE; Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive; Wynn Walker, Engineering;

Call to Order - Norm Jones

Approval of Minutes - January 17, 2012 – APPROVED.
Motion made by Erik Mikkelsen, seconded by Brian McCuskey.

Course Approvals

ARTH 3840 (CI) APPROVED Rhonda Miller
Motion made by Rhonda Miller, seconded by Carolyn Cárdenas

ARTH 4520 (CI) APPROVED Rhonda Miller
Motion made by Rhonda Miller, seconded by Carolyn Cárdenas

AV 3720 (CI) PENDING Rhonda Miller
Awaiting revisions

Course Removals

N/A

Syllabi Approvals

Honors 1320 (BHU) Carol McNamara APPROVED Brian McCuskey
Motion made by Brian McCuskey, seconded by Wendy Holliday

USU 1340 (BSS) David Cassidy/Susan Neel APPROVED Roberta Herzberg
Motion made by Roberta Herzberg, seconded by Rhonda Miller

USU 1300 (BAI) Michael Petersen APPROVED Craig Petersen
Motion made by Rhonda Miller, seconded by Roberta Herzberg

Business

Update on proposed USU 1370/3070 Christie Fox

It was moved that the Committee should request approval for the creation of a USU 3070 course. Motion made by Brian McCuskey, seconded by Carolyn Cárdenas. The motion carried.

Christie provided an example of what the syllabi might look like so that everyone could get a sense for how the course would be taught. The question was raised as to who would determine if the designations are met and/or fulfilled - do they pass through the individual field committees or does the Gen Ed committee make that determination? It was decided that reviews of syllabi could be run in parallel, through the appropriate subcommittees, rather than individually. The committees will have to have some flexibility; they can raise concerns but shouldn't be expected to be all things for all people. The question was asked if there would be prerequisites for these courses. It was decided that students should have completed all their Gen Ed courses. Catalog text will be needed for the course approval form, and information about creating these courses must be added to the Gen Ed Website. Language will be drafted and circulated by Norm to the Gen Ed committee.

Report on USU 1360 faculty meeting Norm Jones
Faculty teaching USU 1360 were invited to meet and discuss their common outcomes for the course. They agree that they are teaching common outcomes. There was a strong consensus that students should complete the QL requirement before they take USU 1360. The conversations will continue and a follow up meeting has been scheduled. The Library is interested in being included in these conversations to ensure that information literacy components are included.

Review of Depth Courses Norm Jones/Nancy Mesner
Nancy Mesner raised a concern about depth classes. It was recommended that a process to review depth requirements be initiated. An ad hoc subcommittee consisting of the following individuals will work on this project: Nancy Mesner, Brian McCuskey, Cindy Dewey and Wendy Holliday. They will be prepared to discuss at next month's meeting.

Other Business

Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 2012 Champ Hall Conference Room
8:30 a.m.