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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 20, 2012 8:30 A.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Christie Fox, Honors; Dick Mueller, Science; Kathy Chudoba, Business; Norm Jones, Chair; 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; Christian Thrapp/Erik Mikkelsen, ASUSU President; Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising; Mary Leavitt, Advising; Vince Lafferty, Regional Campuses; Janet Anderson, Agriculture; Craig Petersen, American Institutions; Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive;

Absent: Susan Neel, USU Eastern; Brian McCuskey, English; Ryan Dupont, Life & Physical Sciences; Cindy Dewey, Music; Larry Smith, Provost's Office; Travis Peterson, RCDE; Wynn Walker, Engineering

Call to Order - Norm Jones

Approval of Minutes - February 21, 2012 - APPROVED
Motion made by Erik Mikkelsen, seconded by Charlie Huenemann

Course Approvals

AV 3720 (CI) **PENDING REVISIONS** Rhonda Miller

HIST 4711 (DHA) **APPROVED** Brian McCuskey
Motion made by Charlie Huenemann, seconded by Dan Coster

LANG 2100 (BHU) **PENDING** per Brad Hall Brian McCuskey

Course Removals

N/A

Syllabi Approvals

N/A

Business

Review of Depth Courses Nancy Mesner
Nancy stated that we need two things to happen: 1) language from committee saying that they intend to review the courses every 3-5 years and 2) should we consider doing this with all courses, not just depth. A process needs to be developed and we need to begin tracking. The process would be approved by the Gen Ed Committee and then move on to EPC to be added to policy. The AAA department has a website that goes back to 2005 that will provide us the information on what is

being taught. Subcommittees should get together and draft a process and policy wording before the next meeting so that this process can be moved forward at next fall's meeting.

USU 3070.....Christie Fox
It was moved that the Committee should proceed to seek course approval for USU 3070. Christie and Norm will do the Course Approval Forms.
Motion made by Dick Mueller, seconded by Rhonda Miller. Motion Approved

Core Curriculum in CHaSS..... Charlie Huenemann
CHaSS is working on core curriculum and they are looking for advice/suggestions. They will not change any gen ed requirements, but will provide an advising mechanism to help students maneuver through gen ed and get them on the path to their major. They are considering creating two new courses: CHSS1320 and CHSS 1340 modeled after Honors 1320 and 1340. Committee is currently looking for college specific versions that meet the criteria for USU 1320 and 1340. These courses will operate at a higher level than USU 1320 and 1340. There was a discussion of whether these courses could replace the USU prefix 1320/1340 courses. Or should they use the USU prefix with a special topics indicator? There is a concern about staffing the courses. It is assumed a number of instructors would switch over from USU to CHaSS, but that the same number of seats would remain available. The question was asked why we keep adding designations and models, and are all the changes really helping the students? Charlie responded that it would be great if the majors would come to gen ed and let them know what is needed so that student demand could be taken into consideration for these courses. The proposal for the new courses should come before the Gen Ed Committee and then be sent to the Curriculum Committee and the EPC.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 2012 Champ Hall Conference Room
8:30 a.m.