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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

September 18, 2012 8:30 A.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Michelle Larson, Honors; Dick Mueller, Science; Kathy Chudoba, Business; Norm Jones, Chair; Michele Hillard, Secretary; Laura Gelfand, Art; Wendy Holliday, Library; Nancy Mesner, Natural Resources; Charlie Huenemann, CHaSS; Roberta Herzberg, Social Sciences; Christian Thrapp, ASUSU President; Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising; Lee Rickords, Agriculture; Craig Petersen, American Institutions; Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive; Scott Henrie, USU Eastern; Larry Smith, Provost's Office; Ryan Dupont, Life & Physical Sciences; Brock Dethier, English; John Mortensen, Student Services; Vince Lafferty, Regional Campuses; Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts; Dean Adams, Engineering

Absent: Brian McCuskey, English; Rhonda Miller, Communications; Mary Leavitt, Advising;

Call to Order - Norm Jones

Approval of Minutes - April 17, 2012

Motion to approve made by Kathy Chudoba, seconded by Charlie Huenemann

Course Approvals

ARTH 3760 (CI) **APPROVED** Rhonda Miller

Motion to approve made by Brock Dethier, seconded by Laura Gelfand

AV 3720 (CI) **APPROVED** Rhonda Miller

Motion to approve made by Brock Dethier, seconded by Laura Gelfand

CS 3450 (CI) **PENDING** Rhonda Miller

Waiting on information

NDFS 5210 (CI) **PENDING** Rhonda Miller

Waiting on information

USU 1330 (BCA) Troy Hunt/Susan Neel **WITHDRAWN** Carolyn Cardenas

USU 1360 (BPS) Mark Noirot **PENDING** Ryan Dupont

Waiting on information

Course Removals

N/A

Syllabi Approvals

N/A

Business

Introduction of New Members.....Norm Jones
Scott Henrie will be representing USU Eastern and will replace Susan Neel. Norm Jones reminded the committee of their responsibilities.

Upcoming Meetings for USU Course Faculty.....Norm Jones
Below are some recommendations from the Presidential Task Force on the Curriculum:

1. Look at the admissions criteria – Is there proper preparation for incoming students and do we provide greater incentives for those students who come to college prepared to succeed?
2. Working with the freshman class:
 - a. Take away some of the choice of when they can take Gen Ed (this will help forecast demand). It was noted that resources may be needed in order to work through the backlog of course demand before fully implementing this recommendation. It was suggested that we emphasize Gen Ed for summer school, creating a Gen Ed summer school block.
 - b. Identify what students know, understand and can do when completing Gen Ed have so there is a better interface between general education and majors.

We are holding USU designated course meetings to help further this initiative to understand what the outcomes of the courses are. Subcommittee chairs will be invited to these meetings and information will be collected to help clarify the process of what is happening in Gen Ed.

USU's Logan campus is going to start offering an Associate's Degree. It is offered on all other regional campuses and will now be in Logan, too. The university already has the authority to offer this degree, so it does not need to be sent to the Board of Trustees or Regents for approval. The question was asked if we thought the Logan 4-year graduation rates might suffer by offering the Associates Degree. Students will need to declare their intention to pursue a 2-year or 4-year degree when enrolling. The AA/AS requirements in Logan will be identical to those elsewhere in the USU system.

Review of Depth and CI courses Nancy Mesner/Rhonda Miller
These projects were started last year and some of the committees got as far as collecting the syllabi. We need to get a sense of what the courses are and if they are meeting the criteria. The committees will target the department heads and instructors to get more information regarding the courses. Departments should have the syllabi in their files. We need to educate the faculty and department heads that there are requirements and expectations that need to be met when submitting.

The CI committee is finding that a lot of the 2 hour CI courses need to change or be withdrawn from the CI designation.

"What is an Educated Person?" Conference, Oct. 26-Snowbird.....Norm Jones
Conference will focus on what does Gen Ed contribute to the degree? Paul Gaston is coming from Kent State to decipher and make sense of this information. Tuning teams are being asked to attend.

Meeting adjourned at 9:35 am

Next Meeting

Tuesday, October 16, 2012 Champ Hall Conference Room
8:30 a.m.