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## GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

**April 16, 2013, 8:30 A.M.**

**Champ Hall Conference Room**

**Present:** Kathy Chudoba, Business; Michele Hillard, Secretary; Charlie Huenemann, CHaSS; Brock Dethier, English; Vince Lafferty, Regional Campuses; Shelley Lindauer, FCHD; Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive; Harrison Kleiner, Connections; Brian McCuskey, English; Wendy Holliday, Library; Norm Jones, Chair; Scott Henrie, USU Eastern; Karen Mock, Natural Resources; Christian Thrapp, ASUSU President; Dean Adams, Engineering;

**Absent:** Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts; Roberta Herzberg, Social Sciences; Mary Leavitt, Advising; Ryan Dupont, Life & Physical Sciences; Larry Smith, Provost's Office; Dick Mueller, Science; Rhonda Miller, Communications; Lee Rickords, Agriculture; John Mortensen, Student Services; Laura Gelfand, Art; Nick Morrison, Honors; Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising; Craig Petersen, American Institutions;

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**Call to Order** - Norm Jones

**Approval of Minutes** – March 19, 2013

Motion made by Wendy Holliday; seconded by Kathy Chudoba

### **Course Approvals**

COMD 5100 (CI) **Approved (electronic vote)** ..... Rhonda Miller

HIST 3483 (DHA/CI) **Approved** ..... Brian McCuskey/Rhonda Miller  
Brian McCuskey approved Brock Dethier seconded

GEO 3250 (DSC) **Pending** ..... Ryan Dupont

HIST 3560 (DHA/CI) **Pending** ..... Brian McCuskey/Rhonda Miller  
*DHA approved – awaiting CI approval*

THEA 2710 (BCA) **Pending** ..... Laura Gelfand

WILD 4850 (CI) **Pending (electronic vote)** ..... Rhonda Miller

### **Course Removals**

N/A

### **Syllabi Approvals**

USU 1360 (BPS) Blair Larsen **Pending** ..... Ryan Dupont

USU 1320 (BHU) Wijitha Bandara **Pending** ..... Brian McCuskey

**Business**

*USU 1360 Rubric Revisions* – The USU 1360 group has been meeting since last spring working on rubric revisions. All 13 items of the current criteria have been included in the rubrics. Waiting to hear back from the subcommittee to agree upon and approve the rubrics. USU 1320 is going through a similar exercise. Norm has met with all USU course groups and this effort will continue on into the next academic year.

*CHaSS and Science Gen Ed Pathways* –major's requirements are being tied to gen ed courses that will ensure student success in the majors. Each department is displaying theirs in a different way. It would be nice to display these in a graphic format. Wendy Holliday has been asked to help with curriculum mapping. This should be mapped in a way where relationships can be seen and this will help with advising.

*Election of the Chair of the Gen Ed Subcommittee of the EPC for next year* – Norm Jones was nominated by Shelley Lindauer and seconded by Charlie Heunnen. The vote was unanimous, Norm will continue as chair of the Gen Ed committee.

*Connections* – Harrison Kleiner is working with the connections group to make the course work better and follow along the Gen Ed path. The timeframe is too short this year to have all the syllabi come up for approval, but the committee will continue with Connections discussions and then give the Connections subcommittee approval to review and approve syllabi for the Connections course. Revising the course objectives: Students will engage the questions of Why are you here? How do you become an intentional learner? How do you become a fully engaged member of the campus community? By the end of Connections the students will have had an opportunity to learn more about the university and themselves. One positive effect would be that more faculty members may be enticed into teaching Connections. It also might be a good idea to have individuals team teach, i.e., English and Math faculty working together with the students.

Today's meeting was the last for Christian Thrapp. Doug Fiefia will be the incoming President and Gen Ed member for next year. Wendy Holliday will be leaving the University to go to Northern Arizona University.

**Next Meeting**

Tuesday, September 17, 2013  
Champ Hall Conference Room  
8:30 a.m.