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GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

December 10, 2013, 8:30 A.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Charlie Huenemann, CHaSS; Vince Lafferty, Regional Campuses; Kacy Lundstrom, Library; Dick Mueller, Science; Dan McInerney, American Institutions; John Mortensen, Student Services; Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising; Harrison Kleiner, Connections; Melanie Nelson, USU Eastern; Michele Hillard, Secretary; Vijjay Kannan, Business; Lezlie Park, Writing Program; Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive; Dean Adams, Engineering; Mary Leavitt, Advising; Mike Kuhns, Natural Resources; Rhonda Miller, Communications; Brian McCuskey, Humanities; Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts; Norm Jones, Chair; Larry Smith, Provost’s Office; Brad Hall, Invited Guest;

Absent: Eddy Berry, Social Sciences; Doug Fiefia, ASUSU President; Laura Gelfand, Art; Ryan Dupont, Life & Physical Sciences; Lee Rickords, Agriculture; Nick Morrison, Honors; Shelley Lindauer, FCHD;

Call to Order – Norm Jones

Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2013 - Approved
Motion made by Dean Adams; seconded by Rhonda Miller

Course Approvals

ANTH 4990 (CI) **Approved**..... Rhonda Miller
Motion made by Rhonda Miller; seconded by Charlie Huenneman

ENGR 3080 (CI) **Approved via Electronic Vote**..... Rhonda Miller
Electronic vote 12/13/13
Motion made by Rhonda Miller; seconded by Richard Mueller

MUSC 3030 (DHA) **Pending**..... Cindy Dewey

RELS 3050 (DHA/CI) DHA Approved – **CI Pending**..... Brian McCuskey/Rhonda Miller

Course/Designation Removals

Syllabi Approvals

HONR 3020 (DHA) **Pending**..... Cindy Dewey

USU 1300 (BAI) Marko DeManjo **Pending**..... Dan McInerney

USU 1330 (BCA) Laura Gelfand **Approved**..... Cindy Dewey
Motion made by Cindy Dewey; seconded by Dean Adams

USU 1340 (BSS) Jennifer Truschka **Pending**..... Norm Jones

USU 1360 (BPS) Mary Hubbard **Pending** Ryan DuPont

Business

Communication Intensive (CI) requirement discussions with Rhonda Miller and Brad Hall. In August, the Gen Ed Committee passed a clarification of CI designations for upper division courses, making it clear that the requirement is for CI courses to be “written OR oral” intensive, rather than “written AND oral” intensive. The Communications subcommittee asked for further discussion of the criteria.

Rhonda Miller, Brad Hall, and Lezlie Park, all members of the CI subcommittee, feel that both written and oral communication skills are necessary to meet the communications intensive requirement. Brad feels that we are providing a disservice if we don't provide the students both oral and written components within the courses. The oral component can be done by individual, team or video presentations in order to meet the requirement. The oral component does need to be evaluated. Technical methods could include presenting to other students, video or taping themselves. Oral communication could also be part of a community effort or service provided. It was recommended that the CI instructors get together to brain storm and get ideas on how to utilize the oral component that works within their courses. A motion was made to restore the language describing the Communication Intensive courses to “written and oral,” as it was prior to the August meeting. An amendment to motion requires the Committee to send out a letter to faculty stating clear and concise requirements for CI courses and to convene a working group to clarify the requirements.

Motion made by Rhonda Miller; seconded by Brian McCuskey.

Amendment accepted by Brian McCuskey; seconded by Rhonda Miller

Motion carried with one objection. (One opposed – Mike Kuhns)

Information

Two USU Course Requirement: The recommendation of the Gen Ed Subcommittee to the EPC that the requirement of two USU courses be dropped was unanimously accepted by the EPC at its December 5 meeting, after a thorough discussion. The recommendation now goes to the Faculty Senate.

The subcommittees for USU 1330, 1340 and 1300 have all met and begun the revision of the web pages for those courses. Their work will continue in January.

No USU course will be included in the schedule unless it has a subtitle.

Next Meeting

Tuesday, January 21, 2013

Champ Hall Conference Room

8:30 a.m.