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GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

April 21, 2015, 8:30 A.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Norm Jones, Chair; Eddy Berry, Social Sciences; Harrison Kleiner, Connections; Mary Leavitt, Advising; Kacy Lundstrom, Library; Kris Miller, Honors; Melanie Nelson, USU Eastern; Michele Hillard, Secretary; Dawn Kirby, Humanities and Social Sciences; Shelley Lindauer, Education and Human Services; Karen Mock, Natural Resources; Bob Mueller, Regional Campus; Lawrence Culver, American Institutions; Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive; Brock Dethier, Writing Program; Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising; Laura Gelfand, Arts; Janet Anderson, Provost's Office; Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts;

Absent: Brian McCuskey, Humanities; Lee Rickords, Agriculture and Applied Sciences; Dean Adams, Engineering; Doug Fiefia, USUSA President; Larry Smith, Provost's Office; Kathy Chudoba, Business; Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences; Dick Mueller, Science; John Mortensen, Student Services

Call to Order – Norm Jones

Approval of Minutes – March 17, 2015

Motion to approve minutes made by Shelley Lindauer. Seconded by Harrison Kleiner. Minutes approved.

Course Approvals

N/A

Course/Designation Removals

MSL 2110 (BSS) **APPROVED** Eddy Berry

Motion to approve made by Eddy Berry. Seconded by Dawn Kirby.

Syllabi Approvals

ANTH 3110-001 (DSS) **WITHDRAWN** Eddy Berry

ARTH 4310 (CI) **APPROVED** Brock Dethier

Motion to approve made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Eddy Berry.

ARTH 4410 (CI) **APPROVED** Brock Dethier

Motion to approve made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Eddy Berry.

MUSC 3785 (DHA) **APPROVED** Cindy Dewey

Motion to approve made by Cindy Dewey. Seconded by Dawn Kirby.

PHYS 2210 (BPS) **APPROVED**..... Ryan Dupont
Motion to approve made by Dawn Kirby. Seconded by Shelley Lindauer.

POLS 4460 (CI) **PENDING**..... Brock Dethier

THEA 1000 (BCA) **APPROVED**..... Cindy Dewey
Motion to approve made by Cindy Dewey. Seconded by Laura Gelfand.

Business

1. Update on the Water Cluster of Gen Ed courses – The Water Cluster group will continue to meet and finish the package for the summer. It was recommended that this model be used for other courses/purposes. It was suggested that an Area Studies Certificate be given for completing a Gen Ed cluster.
2. Update on revisions of the R470 General Education policies being considered by the Regents' General Education Task Force – Establishing common outcomes for all Gen Ed areas and freeing institutions to develop new Gen Ed paths.
3. Staters' Council voted to abolish depth education courses. The Staters' Council has no authority to change the curriculum, and their resolution will have to go through normal EPC processes, including the Gen Ed Subcommittee, and be properly researched. More information is needed about their reasoning and the implications of the changes on the Citizen Scholar Degree Profile. It was agreed there might be a better way to achieve the curricular goals, but declaring the students to be lazy, as the Staters' resolution does, and using that as a reason to abolish a University requirement, seems perverse. Surprise was expressed that the ASUSU representative on the Gen Ed Subcommittee has never brought problems with the Depth requirements to our attention.
In response to the Gen Ed Subcommittee's concerns, Provost Cockett informed the Subcommittee: "I need to clarify that the "administration" did NOT vote – that was a student resolution so only the students voted. From there, I articulated the next steps for discussion and the President charged me to move this into faculty discussion, including Doug Fiebia and the new USUSA president Trevor Olsen. Larry and I are meeting with Dawn Kirby to tell her what we know."
4. Dawn Kirby, the chair elect of the General Education Subcommittee, thanked Norm Jones for his long service as chair. Norm expressed his respect for the quality of the Subcommittee's work. It has been his pleasure to serve as chair.