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GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

November 17, 2015

8:30 am – 9:30 am

Old Main - Champ Hall

Present: Dawn Kirby, Chair
Eddy Berry, Social Sciences
Harrison Kleiner, Connections
Peggy Petrzela, Humanities
Mary Leavitt, Advising
Pamela Martin for Kacy Lundstrom, Library
Kris Miller, Honors
Gary Straquadine for Melanie Nelson, USU Eastern
Michele Hillard, Secretary
Dan McInerney, American Institutions
Brock Dethier, Writing Program
Trevor Olsen, USUSA President
Laura Gelfand, Arts
John Mortensen, Student Services
Larry Smith, Provost's Office
Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising
Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts
Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive
Karen Mock, Natural Resources
Shelley Lindauer, Education and Human Services
Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences
Dean Adams, Engineering

Absent: Jessica Hansen, Academic and Instructional Services
Brian McCuskey, Humanities
Lee Rickords, Agriculture and Applied Sciences
Kathy Chudoba, Business
Bob Mueller, Regional Campus
Dick Mueller, Science

Call to Order - Dawn Kirby

Approval of Minutes – October 20, 2015

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*Motion to approve the October 20 minutes made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Laura Gelfand.
Minutes approved.*

Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals

<https://usu.curriculog.com>

ARTH 3320 – Pre-Columbian Art (CI).....Brock Dethier
Motion to approve CI designation made by Laura Gelfand. Seconded by Dean Adams. Request approved.

WILD 4910 – Assessment and Synthesis in Natural Resource Science (CI)Brock Dethier
Motion to approve CI designation made by Laura Gelfand. Seconded by Dean Adams. Request approved.

Business

Gen Ed Task Force

Continuing work on the R470 with Quantitative Literacy and Reasoning. Math departments wants to have mathematics wording included. Also changed application and analysis to application and discipline.

Dawn will send the current R470 to the Gen Ed committee.

USU Prefixes

Once of the biggest issues/problem with USU prefixes is the transferability. Next on the list of concerns is the funding to the departments. The committee suggested having written commitments for continued funding. Some faculty members feel that their IDEA reviews have reflected the student's confusion and frustration regarding USU courses. The question was raised as to whether all USU prefixes should be changed or leave it to the faculty/department to decide. It was mentioned that this would/could cause more confusion and frustration for the students. The committee is not ready to make any recommendations at this time. Further discussions with departments, faculty and students is necessary. Designation committee chairs will return next month with further recommendations.

Designation Subcommittee Approval Processes

Dawn Kirby and Michele Hillard will work on a pre-submission process. This process will be discussed at the December meeting and will go into effect if approved at that meeting.

Adjourned: 9:31 am



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October 20, 2015, 8:30 A.M.
Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Dawn Kirby, Chair; Eddy Berry, Social Sciences; Harrison Kleiner, Connections; Mary Leavitt, Advising; Kacy Lundstrom, Library; Kris Miller, Honors; Melanie Nelson, USU Eastern; Michele Hillard, Secretary; Dan McInerney, American Institutions; Brock Dethier, Writing Program; Trevor Olsen, USUSA President; Laura Gelfand, Arts; John Mortensen, Student Services; Larry Smith, Provost's Office; Susan Haddock for Stephanie Hamblin, University Advising; Jessica Hansen, Academic and Instructional Services; Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts; Dick Mueller, Science

Absent: Brian McCuskey, Humanities; Lee Rickords, Agriculture and Applied Sciences; Dean Adams, Engineering; Kathy Chudoba, Business; Dan Coster, Quantitative Intensive; Bob Mueller, Regional Campus; Karen Mock, Natural Resources; Shelley Lindauer, Education and Human Services; Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences

Call to Order - Dawn Kirby

Approval of Minutes - September 15, 2015

<https://usu.box.com/s/8mr121dp0r2ws15kaicir6qw2qtcju7o>

Motion to approve minutes made by Eddy Berry. Seconded by Laura Gelfand. Minutes approved.

Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals

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Motion to approve Gen Ed requests made by Richard Mueller. Seconded by Trevor Olsen. Requests approved.

ARTH 3270 – Native North American Art (CI) **APPROVED**

BIOL 5390 – Genes and Behavior (CI) **APPROVED**

CCA 3060 – Quantitative Methods for the Arts (QI) **APPROVED**

CHIN 3540 – Translating from and into Chinese (CI) **APPROVED**

GEO 3400 – Communicating Geoscience (CI) **APPROVED**

HONR 3010 – Special Topics: Live and Physical Sciences (DSC / QI) **APPROVED**

HONR 3020 – Special Topics: Humanities/Creative Arts (DHA / CI) **APPROVED**

HONR 3030 – Special Topics: Social Sciences (DSS / CI) **APPROVED**

Business

USU Courses vs. Defined Courses (John Mortensen)

The committee would like to have further discussions on these courses. These discussions would include integrated options, differential tuition, etc. It was recommended

that the committee members talk with their colleges and departments and get recommendations/consensus on how this consideration should move forward. College representatives will return next month with the information. John Mortensen will return to discuss this business further.

Some Thoughts about USU-Prefix Courses - Submitted by John Mortensen
Report Date: October 12, 2015

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3. With multiple sections of some USU courses, a student could take a section of USU 1320, How to Conquer the World, and then repeat the class by taking USU 1320, Great Ideas.
4. When USU courses were first introduced, the intent was that the content would be integrated and that the courses would have a cap of no larger than 50.

Recommendations

USU 1300, U.S. Institutions

Change to ECN 1300, HIST 1300, or POLS 1300, depending on the faculty member teaching the class.

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Change the course to HUM 1320, Civilization: Humanities

USU 1320, History and Civilization

Change the course to HIST 1320, History and Civilization

USU 1320, Great Ideas

Change the course to PHIL 1320, Great Ideas

USU 1320, Ideas from the Ancient World

Change the course to PHIL 1321, Ideas from the Ancient World

USU 1320, How to Conquer the World

Change the course to POLS 1320, How to Conquer the World

USU 1320, Religion and Play

Change the course to RELS 1320, Religion and Play

USU 1330, Civilization: Creative Arts

Change the course to ARTS 1330, Creative Arts.

Change USU 3330 to ARTS 3330, Arts Symposium – other schools do not know what CCA is

USU 1340, Social Systems and Issues

Change to POLS 1340 or other prefix, depending on the faculty member teaching the class.

USU 1350, Integrated Life Science

Change the course to ASTE 1350, WILD 1350, or other prefix, depending on the faculty member teaching the class.

USU 1360, Intelligent Life in the Universe

Teach the course as PHYS 1080, Intelligent Life in the Universe. This course already on the books and is approved as BPS.

USU 1360, Energy

Teach the course as PHYS 1360, Energy

USU 1360, Planet Earth

Change the course to GEOL 1360, Planet Earth

USU 1360, The Climate Puzzle

Change the course to PSC 1360, The Climate Puzzle

Designation Subcommittee Comments/Approval (Open Discussions)

Dawn Kirby will contact the Gen Ed designation subcommittee chairs to see how they would like to proceed with their approvals, i.e, via email before submitting/launching in Curriculog or rejecting once the proposal has been submitted.

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Richard Mueller. Seconded by Kacy Lundstrom. Adjourned at 9:27 am

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