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GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

February 21, 2017
8:30 am – 9:30 am
Old Main - Champ Hall

Present: Lee Rickords, Agriculture and Applied Sciences (Chair)
         Michele Hillard, Secretary
         Erin Davis for Kacy Lundstrom, Library
         Dean Adams, Engineering
         Barbara Williams, Registrar’s Office
         Brock Dethier, Writing Program
         Harrison Kleiner, Connections
         Bob Mueller, Regional Campus
         Laura Gelfand, Arts
         David Brown, Quantitative Intensive
         Stephanie Hamblin, Exploratory Advising
         Mykel Beorchia, University Advising
         Matt Sanders, Humanities and Social Sciences
         Dick Mueller, Science
         Kris Miller, Honors
         Claudia Radel, Natural Resources
         Konrad Lee, Business
         Brian McCuskey, Humanities
         Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts
         Melanie Nelson, USU Eastern
         Ashley Waddoups, USUSA President
         Elise Anderson, Provost’s Office

Absent:  Ed Reeve, Provost’s Office
         Janet Anderson, Office of the Provost
         Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences
         Jessica Hansen, Academic and Instructional Services
         Damon Cann, Social Sciences
         Dan McInerney, American Institutions
         Shelley Lindauer, Education and Human Services
         John Mortensen, Student Services

Visitors: Kaylee Roholt, Academic Advisor, School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education
          Chris Corcoran, Head, Department of Mathematics and Statistics

Call to Order – Lee Rickords
Approval of Minutes – January 17, 2017
Minutes approved.

Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals

ARTH 3755 (CI) APPROVED
Motion to approve CI designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Harrison Kleiner.

BIOL 4650 (DSC | CI) APPROVED
Motion to approve CI designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Harrison Kleiner.
Motion to approve DSC designation made by Dick Mueller. Seconded by Laura Gelfand.

PHIL 1500 (BHU) APPROVED
Motion to approve BHU designation made by Brian McCuskey. Seconded by Claudia Radel.

WATS 3450 (DSC) APPROVED
Motion to approve DSC designation made by Dick Mueller. Seconded by Claudia Radel.

Business

Senate Bill 196
USU Implementation of Senate Bill 196 as it relates to Math ACT score
1. No longer waive the QL requirement for students who receive an ACT Math score of 25 or higher. If approved, this would be effective for students who begin attending USU Summer 2017 or later.
2. Award 3 credits for students who receive an ACT Math score of 26 or higher, or an equivalent SAT Math score. If approved, this change would be effective for students who took the ACT exam September 2016 or later. Like other examinations, this information would be posted as transfer credit with a P grade, and would be listed as ACTM 1XXX (QL) on the transcript. As transfer credit, the credits will count toward the 120 credits needed for graduation, but will not count toward the 30 credits in residency at USU.
Motion to approve made by Claudia Radel. Seconded by Dick Mueller.

Departments Offering Designation Courses Outside of Expertise
Is it appropriate for departments to offer courses outside of their disciplines? Will students get the correct Gen Ed experience by taking classes that are specifically dedicated to their major? The Gen Ed committee’s task is to help students become more, well-rounded in their college experience. Language will be added to the humanities criteria stating that faculty must have some knowledge/experience in teaching courses with a humanities designation.

Substitution for Exploration Requirement (follow-up)
Proposed Changes to the Exploratory Requirement

1. Change the name from Exploratory Requirement to Integrated Studies Requirement
2. Add the additional means of satisfying this requirement

The new requirement would be: Integrated Studies Requirement (3-4 credits)
Choose an additional class from one of the following General Education or Depth Education categories: QL, BAI, BCA, BHU, BLS, BPS, BSS, CI, QI, DHA, DSC, or DSS.
Motion to approve the change made by Konrad Lee. Seconded by Matt Sanders.

Adjourn: 9:20 am