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GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

September 19, 2017

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Old Main – Champ Hall

Present: Lee Rickords, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (Chair)
Laura Gelfand, Caine College of the Arts
Shelley Lindauer, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Dean Adams, College of Engineering
Harrison Kleiner, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Claudia Radel, S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources
Richard Mueller, College of Science
Robert Mueller, Regional Campus
Dory Cochran for Kacy Lundstrom, University Libraries
Melanie Nelson, USU Eastern
Michael Scott Peters, USUSA President
Susan Neel, American Institutions
Brock Dethier, Communications Intensive
David Wall, Creative Arts
Charlie Huenemann, Humanities
David Brown, Quantitative Literacy/Intensive
Ryan Bosworth, Social Sciences
Barbara Williams, Registrar's Office
John Mortensen, Student Affairs
Stephanie Hamblin, Exploratory Advising
Mykel Beorchia, University Advising
Kristine Miller, University Honors Program
Amber Summers-Graham, Secretary

Absent: Janet Anderson, Office of the Provost
Ed Reeve, Office of the Provost
Matt Sanders, Connections
Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences
Konrad Lee, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business

Call to Order – Lee Rickords

Approval of Minutes – [April 18, 2017](#)

Motion to approve minutes made by Laura Gelfand. Seconded by Brock Dethier. Minutes approved.

Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals

<https://usu.curriculog.com/>

RELS – 3990 (CI) **APPROVED** Brock Dethier
Motion to approve designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Dick Mueller.

Business

Communications Intensive (CI) Research Update..... Brock Dethier

The students in Joyce Kinhead's Spring 2017 section of ENGL 3470 completed a thorough research project examining CI courses at Utah State University. The class submitted ten recommendations for the General Education Committee. Below are some highlights from their report:

- There is a tendency to short-change students on the oral component of the CI criteria. Courses had an easier time meeting the written component of the CI criteria.
- It was suggested that the General Education Committee spearhead faculty development workshops to give faculty opportunities to discuss best practices.
- Recommended 5-year reverification of courses.

Contact Brock Dethier if you are interested in reading the full report.

Over the summer, queries went to over 30 courses that received CI designation before 2005. Contact was met with some irritation and resistance while some departments were simply non-responsive. This brings up the question about the effectiveness of a policing model when reviewing general education designations. It may be better to consider employing a reminder method that would send the general education designation criteria to faculty before they started teaching their general education courses each semester. Resources for faculty could be set up in Canvas. Additionally, faculty might gain a better understanding of general education, which could result in more general education course submissions. If faculty development were created, it would be beneficial for it to be discipline specific. Faculty would appreciate development moderated by their peers.

Active General Education Classes Report John Mortensen

John provided the committee with a list of courses that are not currently being taught but are still listed in the catalog as options for fulfilling general education requirements. It was suggested that since this conversation is about deactivating or completely removing courses from the catalog, the work is now outside of the scope of the General Education Committee and should be completed through the Curriculum Committee where members can take the conversations back to their own colleges.

Updates to General Education Criteria

The DHA/BHU committee substantially revised their criteria four years ago. The CI committee would like to revise the CI criteria to make them easier to follow. Lee Rickords will get in touch with Ed Reeve and Janet Anderson to discuss the best ways for listing the general education criteria on the USU website and how it should be reflected in the catalog.

Five-Year Reviews - Creating a Process for Reviewing and Tracking

John Mortensen will create a list of courses that are older than five years and circulate it to the Curriculum Committee college chairs. As this is a very time intensive process, the reminder model suggested in the CI discussion might be more effective. General Education Committee members were asked to think about this and try to formulate an action item. This issue will be brought up and discussed in more detail at the October 2017 meeting.

Adjournment: 10:30 a.m. Our next meeting will be held at 9:30 a.m. on October 17, 2017. November meeting will resume the regular 8:30 a.m. time.