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GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

November 21, 2017
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Old Main – Champ Hall

Present: Lee Rickords, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (Chair)
Konrad Lee, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business
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
Kacy Lundstrom, University Libraries
Melanie Nelson, USU Eastern
Susan Neel, American Institutions
Brock Dethier, Communications Intensive
Charlie Huenemann, Humanities
David Brown, Quantitative Literacy/Intensive
Barbara Williams, Registrar's Office
John Mortensen, Student Affairs
Stephanie Hamblin, Exploratory Advising
Mykel Beorchia, University Advising
Amber Summers-Graham, Secretary

Excused: Laura Gelfand, Caine College of the Arts
Matt Sanders, Connections
Ed Reeve, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost
Michael Scott Peters, USUSA President
David Wall, Creative Arts
Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences
Ryan Bosworth, Social Sciences
Kristine Miller, University Honors Program

Call to Order – Lee Rickords

Approval of Minutes – October 17, 2017

Motion to approve minutes made by Charlie Huenemann. Seconded by David Brown. Minutes approved.

Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals

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

LAEP – 2300 (BHU) **APPROVED** Charlie Huenemann
Motion to approve BHU designation made by Charlie Huenemann. Seconded by Dick Mueller.
Designation approved.

TEE – 2200 (BPS) **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING** Ryan Dupont

GEOG – 3100 (CI) **APPROVED** Brock Dethier
*Motion to approve CI designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Shelley Lindauer.
Designation approved.*

WILD – 5560 (CI) **APPROVED** Brock Dethier
*Motion to approve CI designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Shelley Lindauer.
Designation approved.*

PHIL - 3990 (DHA) **APPROVED** Charlie Huenemann
*Motion to approve DHA designation made by Charlie Huenemann. Seconded by Dick Mueller.
Designation approved.*

CCA – 3070 (QI) **APPROVED** David Brown
*Motion to approve QI designation made by David Brown. Seconded by Dick Mueller.
Designation approved.*

CCA – 3070 (DSC) **TABLED UNTIL NEXT MEETING** Ryan Dupont

Business

Review of the 15-year General Education rule

Utah State University currently has a 15-year statute of limitations for General Education coursework. The General Education Subcommittee was asked to review the rule's current relevancy. After thorough discussion, a motion to discontinue the 15-year statute of limitations for General Education coursework was made by Dick Mueller and seconded by Dean Adams.

Five-year reviews

Michael Torrens with Analysis, Assessment and Accreditation attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of using the IDEA course evaluations as a tool for General Education assessment. With the current software platform, it would be possible but challenging and would require individual instructor/departments to input the additional questions. Currently, discussions are taking place regarding moving to a new delivery platform with the same IDEA system. This new platform allows courses to be assigned with attributes that can automatically load a set of scripted questions. Scripts could be created for the General Education designations and courses tagged with these attributes when they are loaded into IDEA. If it is decided that Utah State University will move to this new platform, the earliest implementation of the system will be Fall 2019. There was discussion about piloting a few classes on the current system this next fall to see the effectiveness of survey questions for General Education evaluation and to give us feedback on possible survey fatigue. A concern was brought up about whether these questions would cause problems for tenure-line faculty. AAA will check into possibilities of separating the General Education questions in the evaluation reports.

Five-year reviews ad hoc committee update

Empowering Teaching Excellence (ETE) is ready to do a trial run of some professional development sessions for General Education. The ad hoc committee will put together a description of the professional development that will be presented at the January meeting.

Adjournment: 9:15 a.m.

No December meeting. Next meeting will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 16, 2018.