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## GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

October 16, 2018

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Champ Hall Conference Room – OM 136

**Present:** Lee Rickords, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (Chair)  
Thom Fronk, College of Engineering  
Harrison Kleiner, College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Vance Grange, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business  
Claudia Radel, S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources  
Richard Mueller, College of Science  
Robert Mueller, Regional Campus  
Melanie Nelson, USU Eastern  
Kacy Lundstrom, University Libraries  
Lawrence Culver, American Institutions  
Ryan Bosworth, Social Sciences  
Charlie Huenemann, Humanities  
David Brown, Quantitative Literacy/Intensive  
Barbara Williams, Registrar's Office  
Mykel Beorchia, University Advising  
Kristine Miller, University Honors Program  
Amber Summers-Graham, Secretary

**Excused:** Shelley Lindauer, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services  
Matt Sanders, Connections  
Ed Reeve, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost  
Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences  
Jaren Hunsaker, USUSA President  
Stephanie Hamblin, Exploratory Advising  
John Mortensen, Academic and Instructional Services

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**Call to Order** –Lee Rickords

**Approval of Minutes** – [September 18, 2018](#)

*Minutes approved as distributed.*

**Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals**

ELED 4031 (CI) **POSTPONED** ..... Robert Mueller  
*Vote postponed until next meeting.*

ARBC 4040 (DHA) **APPROVED** ..... Charlie Huenemann  
*Motion to approve DHA designation made by Charlie Huenemann. Seconded by Richard Mueller. Designation approved.*

LING 3200 (DSS) **APPROVED** .....Ryan Bosworth  
*Motion to approve DSS designation made by Ryan Bosworth. Seconded by Kacy Lundstrom.  
Designation approved.*

## **Business**

### **Update on Gen Ed Curriculum Review – Lee Rickords**

The Provost's Office has asked various individuals to be on a task force to look at how best to move forward in reviewing the General Education program at USU. In the spring of 2018, the accreditation peer review team highlighted a lack of systematic assessment of the general education program at USU. The General Education committee was aware of this issue and had been working on the creation of a five-year review process in the past year. In order to meet the requirements of the NWCCU accreditation requirements, this issue will be fast-tracked. The task force will be getting together shortly to talk about next steps, and Academic and Instructional Services has been working on a system that will allow this work to be done campus-wide. The members of the task force include Harrison Kleiner, David Brown, Lee Rickords, Michael Torrens, Robert Wagner, Matt Sanders, Shelley Lindauer, Ed Reeve and Frank Galey. Several of these members sit on the General Education committee.

### **Information Items – Lee Rickords**

Discussion on Depth Courses and Categorization of Majors and Current Articulation of Credit by Examination of AP, CLEP, DANTES, and IBO by Breadth Area has been postponed until the November meeting.

Kris Miller is working with the Carnegie Community Engaged Institution application writing team. This team is trying to figure out how different community-engaged learning objectives and assessments map onto what departments on campus are doing. Part of this application requires Utah State to envision how to share ideas institutionally and bring things in line across colleges and departments with regards to community engaged work. As the Gen Ed task force begins their work, it would be great to have language in general education that talks about the goals of the Citizen Scholar in terms of community engagement. Please share ideas with Kris and the General Education committee.

It was suggested that faculty be encouraged to seek the Community Engaged transcript designation for their applicable courses through the Service Learning center as a way to help fulfill the requirements of the Carnegie designation. Kate Stephens can help coordinate with faculty seeking this course designation.

There was discussion about the grandfathering of designations. Sections of a course being taught across the USU campuses might share a general education designation, but they might not all be teaching to the designation criteria. It's hard to approach a professor on a regional campus who teaches a smaller course and tell them that they have to drop the CI designation because the main campus course can't fulfill the CI requirements due to larger numbers in their section. The grandfathering of designations is a problem that needs to be addressed as part of the review.

## **Adjournment 9:57 a.m.**

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 8:30 AM** in Champ Hall conference room. General Education requests for this meeting are due November 10, 2018.