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GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

January 15, 2019

8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.

Champ Hall Conference Room – OM 136

Present: Lee Rickords, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (Chair)
Christopher Scheer, Caine College of the Arts
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
Melanie Nelson, USU Eastern
Kacy Lundstrom, University Libraries
Lawrence Culver, American Institutions
Charlie Huenemann, Humanities
David Brown, Quantitative Literacy/Intensive
Matt Sanders, Connections
John Mortensen, Academic and Instructional Services
Mykel Beorchia, University Advising
Jaren Hunsaker, USUSA President
Kristine Miller, University Honors Program
Amber Summers-Graham, Secretary

Excused: Vance Grange, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business
Shelley Lindauer, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Thom Fronk, College of Engineering
Ryan Bosworth, Social Sciences
Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences
Ed Reeve, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost
Stephanie Hamblin, Exploratory Advising
Erik Thalman, Registrar's Office

Call to Order – Lee Rickords

Approval of Minutes – [December 13, 2018](#)

Minutes approved as distributed.

Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals

HIST 3340 (DHA) **APPROVED** Charlie Huenemann
Motion to approve DHA designation made by Charlie Huenemann. Seconded by Lawrence Culver. Designation approved.

Business

Statement and Policy about Depth Courses Requirements

Currently, the wording in the catalog states, “students are required to take at least two upper-division courses outside of their major.” The categorization by majors section of the catalog states, “students must satisfy at least one Depth course in each area outside of the area in which their major is classified”. The discussion at last month’s meeting was to determine a statement and policy about depth course requirements.

John Mortensen presented to the committee two possible options for catalog language. Option #1 changes the language to reflect that students merely need to complete two depth courses outside of the category for which the major is classified, regardless of which department offers the course. Option #2 changes the language to reflect that students need to complete two depth courses outside of the category for which the major is classified, and from a department outside of the student’s major. The text highlighted in yellow shows the current catalog language that supports option #1. The green text is proposed additions and the red strikethrough text is proposed deletions.

Option #1 matches the language to what is currently in practice and what can be programmed and enforced by DegreeWorks. After a lengthy discussion, Option #1 was supported by the committee with the understanding that the committee will revisit the issue of creating policy about departments submitting General Education proposals from outside of their General Education categorization. In order to address previous concerns from EPC, the committee will ensure that the language accommodates departments that are interdisciplinary. Harrison Kleiner will draft some language to present to the committee.

Motion to approve Option #1 as wording for the catalog made by Richard Mueller. Seconded by Jaren Hunsaker. Motion approved.

First-time General Education Instructor Report

John Mortensen’s team was able to put together a report in Argos that gives a listing of all instructors teaching a General Education course for the first time in the current semester. Going forward, we will run the report approximately six weeks before the start of each semester. The report will be sent out to the General Education committee for training considerations. Additionally, the General Education secretary will send a message to these faculty communicating designation criteria and rubrics for the courses they will be teaching.

Dual Listed Courses and General Education Designations

The Curriculum Committee recently approved language around dual list/multiple list courses that requires courses to have the same prerequisites, number of credits, titles, etc. The General Education committee needs to discuss situations when courses have different Gen Ed designations. John Mortensen will provide the committee with a report of these courses and it will come up again on the February agenda.

Adjourn 9:19 AM

Next meeting will be **Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 8:30 am** in Champ Hall conference room. General Education requests for this meeting are due **February 2, 2019**.

Depth Course Requirements

Excerpts from the General Catalog

OPTION #1 – Change Language to reflect that students merely need to complete two depth courses outside of the category for which the major is classified, regardless of which department offers the course. (This is what is being done in practice)

Green Text = proposed additions

Highlighted Text = current language that supports this option

University Studies Depth Education Requirements

Beyond the General Education requirements, all students who receive a bachelor's degree must complete two Communications Intensive, one Quantitative Intensive, and 2 credits minimum in each of two of the three depth categories outside of the category for which a student's major is classified.

Depth Course Requirements (4 credits minimum completed in two or more courses)

Students are required to take *at least two* upper-division courses outside of their major category. Approved 3000-level or above courses must be taken from two of the following three categories: Depth Humanities and Creative Arts (DHA), Depth Life and Physical Sciences (DSC), and Depth Social Sciences (DSS). Each student must select *at least one* course from each of the two categories which *do not* include his or her major (e.g., Sociology majors are associated with the Social Sciences category and would select one or more 3000-level or above course(s) from the Depth Humanities and Creative Arts and one or more 3000-level or above course(s) from the Depth Life and Physical Sciences).

Depth Humanities and Creative Arts (DHA)

A minimum of 2 credits is required for all students whose major is not categorized as Humanities (HU) or Creative Arts (CA).

Depth Life and Physical Sciences (DSC)

A minimum of 2 credits is required for all students whose major is not categorized as Life Sciences (LS) or Physical Sciences (PS).

Depth Social Sciences (DSS)

A minimum of 2 credits is required for all students whose major is not categorized as Social Sciences (SS).

Categorization of Majors

The courses that must be taken to satisfy University Studies Depth requirements depend on the classification of the student's major. For example, Music is classified in the Creative Arts. Thus, a music major would not need to take a depth course in the Humanities and Creative Arts.

Depth Course Requirements

Excerpts from the General Catalog

OPTION #2 – Change Language to reflect that students need to complete two depth courses outside of the category for which the major is classified, and also from a department outside of the student's major.

Green Text = proposed additions

Red-Strikeout Text = proposed deletions

University Studies Depth Education Requirements

Beyond the General Education requirements, all students who receive a bachelor's degree must complete two Communications Intensive, one Quantitative Intensive, and 2 credits minimum in each of two of the three depth categories **outside of the category for which a student's major is classified. Students must select courses that are not offered by the department that houses their major (e.g., a Philosophy major may NOT use PHIL 4530 to satisfy the Depth Life and Physical Sciences requirement).**

Depth Course Requirements (4 credits minimum completed in two or more courses)

Students are required to take *at least two* upper-division courses outside of their major. Approved 3000-level or above courses must be taken from two of the following three categories: **Depth Humanities and Creative Arts (DHA), Depth Life and Physical Sciences (DSC), and Depth Social Sciences (DSS).** Each student must select *at least one* course from each of the two categories which *do not* include his or her major (e.g., **Sociology** **Philosophy** majors **are associated with the Humanities category and** would select one or more 3000-level or above course(s) from the Depth **Humanities-and-Creative-Arts Life and Physical Sciences category** and one or more 3000-level or above course(s) from the Depth **Life-and-Physical Social Sciences category).** **Students must also select courses that are not offered by the department that houses their major.**

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