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## GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

April 21, 2020

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  
Greg Podgorski, College of Science  
Matt Sanders, Connections  
Paul Barr, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost  
Dory Rosenberg, University Libraries  
Robert Mueller, Statewide Campuses/Communications Intensive  
Lawrence Culver, American Institutions  
Charlie Huenemann, Humanities  
Ryan Bosworth, Social Sciences  
Robyn Peterson, Registrar's Office  
Mykel Beorchia, University Advising  
Kristine Miller, University Honors Program  
Michele Hillard, Secretary  
Michelle Smith, Secretary  
Shelley Lindauer, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services  
John Mortensen, Academic and Instructional Services

**Excused:** Thom Fronk, College of Engineering  
Steve Nelson, USU Eastern  
Sami Ahmed, USUSA President  
Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences  
Daniel Holland, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business  
David Wall, Creative Arts  
David Brown, Quantitative Literacy/Intensive

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**Call to Order** – Lee Rickords

**Approval of Minutes** – [March 17, 2020](#)

*Motion to approve the March 17, 2020 minutes made by Greg Podgorski. Seconded by Charlie Huenemann. Minutes approved as distributed.*

## Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals

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

HIST 3060 (DHA) **APPROVED** ..... Charlie Huenemann  
Motion to approve HIST 3060 DHA designation made by Charlie Huenemann. Seconded by Claudia Radel. Designation approved.

SOC 3340 (DSS) **RETURNED TO ORIGINATOR**.....Ryan Bosworth

### **Business**

*Election of General Education Chair*

*Motion to nominate Lee Rickords as General Education subcommittee chair made by Charlie Huenemann. Seconded by Robert Mueller. Decision was unanimous. Lee Rickords will be the chair for the 2020-2021 academic year.*

*Committee Members for 2020-2021*

General Education subcommittee will move forward with the same members. Anyone who cannot serve needs to contact Lee Rickords and notify him of who will be replacing them.

### **Gen Ed Assessment**

*First year of General Education Assessment Plan was successful in terms of faculty engagement, but also a steep learning curve. This year is being treated as a “pilot” year where we refine processes. Data from the first year is noisy so in lieu of an outcomes report, Michael Torrens and Harrison Kleiner will be producing and sharing a “case study” report on lessons learned and modifications for next academic year. Modifications are on the technological side of things, particularly how faculty flag assignments in Canvas. There is optimism that at this time next year we will have meaningful and actionable data from GE Assessment. The General Education Assessment Plan that was approved included a step to second score student artifacts. While the accreditors did give USU a clean bill of health, but they will be doing a follow up in the fall and will expect USU follows through with the full plan. Academic and Instructional Services (AIS) will pull a sampling of student artifacts from each breadth area for the area committees to second score. Since the focus will be on learning about the process this year, there will be an abbreviated second scoring of 10-20 artifacts. Harrison will write something up to give to the area chairs and then let them talk with their committee members. All bread areas with the exception of communications literacy will be tasked with second scoring. The hope is that area committees can complete the review by the end of May.*

**Adjourn: 9:00 am**