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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

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
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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