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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

November 17, 2020
8:30 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

- Present:** Lee Rickords, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences (Chair)
 Christopher Scheer, Caine College of the Arts
 Greg Podgorski, College of Science
 Matt Sanders, Connections
 Dory Rosenberg, University Libraries
 Robert Mueller, Statewide Campuses/Communications Intensive
 Charlie Huenemann, Humanities
 Ryan Bosworth, Social Sciences
 Robyn Peterson, Registrar’s Office
 Mykel Beorchia, University Advising
 Kristine Miller, University Honors Program
 Shelley Lindauer, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
 John Mortensen, Academic and Instructional Services
 Thom Fronk, College of Engineering
 Steve Nelson, USU Eastern
 Daniel Holland, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business
 David Wall, Creative Arts
 Harrison Kleiner, College of Humanities and Social Science
 Lawrence Culver, American Institutions
 Claudia Radel, S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources
 David Brown, Quantitative Literacy/Intensive
 Michelle Smith, Secretary

- Excused:** Paul Barr, Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost
 Sami Ahmed, USUSA President
 Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences

Call to Order – Lee Rickords

Approval of Minutes – November 17, 2020
Motion to approve the November 17,, 2020 minutes made by Charlie Huenemann
Seconded by Shelley Lindauer and David Wall
Approved unanimously

Course Approvals/Removals/Syllabi Approvals <https://usu.curriculog.com/>

ARTH 4260 (CI) Robert Mueller

Robert stated this designation was approved in September. (Note: It was later determined this was not on the September agenda and it will be on the next General Education meeting agenda.)

ARTH 4260 (DHA) **APPROVED** Charlie Huenemann
Recommended by Charlie Huenemann
Seconded by David Wall
Approved unanimously

Business

PSC 2040 (BPS) Ryan Dupont
Recommended by BPS subcommittee to receive BPS and seconded by Robert Mueller.
Greg feels uncomfortable moving forward without having more information from Ryan because there isn't enough information on the course.
Lee also wants to ask for more information in order to make a decision.
Kris also stated that if Ryan couldn't make it, someone else could also present.
Harrison said that he read what was in Curriculog, and Ryan said that it was a good course.
Robyn pointed out that the new timeline for approving designations is once a year, so it would need to be effective in summer.
John Mortensen said that there is another offering in Spring.
Robyn agreed to find out from Paul if the course could be approved and given a designation earlier than summer.
Harrison also stated that there are links in Curriculog to the course, the proposal includes the syllabus, and that info on the course is on the proposal.
Claudia pointed out that it is only approved at the department head level, not at the dean level.
Michelle Smith explained why it was just a business item and approvals had not been finished.
Harrison gave some more information on the reason it was a business item.
Lee agreed it was best to wait until Ryan Dupont could present the course. He withdrew the recommendation and the second, and it will be on the agenda for December.

Ryan Bosworth explained that there was a course that fits the designation rubric for DSS, SOC 4440. The course is a study-abroad course that fits the rubric, but he wasn't aware if there was a precedent to have a study-abroad course as a gen ed course.
Harrison explained there was a precedent with a WATS course that was approved.
Ryan Bosworth said that with that precedent, they will move ahead to approve the course and present it at the next meeting.
Robert pointed out that if it fits the rubric, it fits the rubric.
Harrison explained there might be more study-abroad courses with designations forthcoming, because the study abroad office might pursue gen ed designations to help create more interest in study abroad courses.

Update on CI Outcomes Harrison Kleiner
Harrison stated there is a group meeting several times, with great length, with stakeholders from across the university teaching CI courses and members of the CI Committee. Neither CL nor CI designations had an outcome rubric in the way the other breadth and depth designations have a rubric. It is still difficult to assess the CL English 1010 and 2020 courses.

The approach was to think of the CL1, CL2, and CI courses as a progressive outcome. The working group began creating the rubric backwards, to come up with what the CI requirements should be, and then work on the CL requirements. The process is going well and the sequence

of outcomes should be finished by the end of this semester. Provost Galey asked Harrison to work on supports for instructors of the CL and CI outcomes in Spring semester. In January, the CL/CI working group will present the outcomes to the committee.

Dave Brown asked if there was a timeline for the QI outcome to be produced. Harrison said no because the CI/CL outcomes were put on a high priority, but if Dave would like to work on that process, he'd be willing to start.

Greg also mentioned that now is the time. There is a course trying to come up with a QI designation but there is no rubric, and the originators had trouble. While there is a draft for the rubric, it isn't set. He feels that it is time to obtain a QI designation.

Dave said that he is concerned with how long it might take to get a QI designation. Right now, the draft is the closest thing to what is available, but there are questions that need to be answered. Past QI courses have been approved without a rubric.

Greg said that he feels more comfortable having a rubric in place.

Harrison said it isn't necessary to stop QI considerations, but if he and Dave get together, they could have a QI rubric in place by March. It would be available for Fall.

Lee asked Harrison if there would be any documentation on the CL/CI designation rubric for the committee to review ahead of the January meeting.

Harrison said that he should be able to have documentation available. They are on target for a timeline that would allow them to present the information in January.

Adjourned at 8:55 a.m.