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September 1, 2022
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Old Main-Champ Hall

MINUTES

Present: Paul Barr, Chair, Provost's Office
Mateja Savoie Roskos, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences
Richard Walker, Caine College of the Arts
David Feldon, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services
Scott Budge, College of Engineering
Matt Sanders, College of Humanities and Social Sciences
Peter Howe, S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources
Dan Coster, College of Science
Renee Galliher, Academic Standards Chair
Chad Simon, Curriculum Subcommittee Chair
Matt Sanders, General Education Subcommittee Chair
Shana Geffeney, Statewide Campuses
Jason Marshall, USU Eastern
Britt Fagerheim, University Libraries
Richard Cutler, Graduate Council
Toni Gibbons, Registrar's Office
Michele Hillard, Secretary
Abraham Rodriguez, USUSA Executive VP

Absent: Sterling Bone, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business
Sarah Pope, Graduate Studies Senator

Guests: Fran Hopkin

Approval of Minutes – [April 7, 2022](#)

Motion to approve the April 7 minutes made by Chad Simon. Seconded by Abe Rodriguez. Minutes approved as distributed.

Subcommittee Reports

Curriculum Subcommittee (Chad Simon)

Motion to approve the Curriculum Subcommittee report made by Chad Simon. Seconded by Richard Walker. Report approved.

Course Approvals – 78

Request from the Departments of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education and Aviation and Technical Education in College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to [create a new Department of Technology, Design and Technical Education](#).

Request from the Department of Plants, Soils and Climate in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to [discontinue the Horticulture: MPSH Program](#).

Request from the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to [create a new CHaSS Peace Institute](#).

Request from the Center for Community Engagement in the Office of Student Affairs to [change the name from The Center for Civic Engagement and Service Learning to Center for Community Engagement](#).

Academic Standards Subcommittee (Renee Galliher)

No Meeting

Excused absence policy – the subcommittee is looking at the policy through the lens of remote learning. The updated policy will be sent out to the committee prior to the next meeting. There is a phrase in the policy that faculty members are under no obligation to record or broadcast courses. Students may expect it but, faculty are not required to record or broadcast. Also, students logging into a class is not considered participation. Remote learning is the focus of these changes.

Course fees – the issue at hand is that there is a new USHE statewide policy where there didn't used to be one. USU has a new policy regarding course fees, and they are in direct contradiction with the USHE policy. USU has approved requests for undergraduate teaching assistants (TA) and the state does not allow student fees to be used for that. Using course fees for instruction puts us in direct violation of the state's policy. This will also have a financial dilemma. The policy is under the 538 section 2.2 of USU code. Colleges currently up for three-year review have very few course fees that are used for TAs. In the future the course fee committee will be hesitant to allow fees for TAs. USU will come up a reasonable solution in order to meet the USHE requirements.

General Education Subcommittee (Matt Sanders)

Minutes – [April 19, 2022](#)

Motion to approve the General Education Subcommittee report made by Matt Sanders. Seconded by Mateja Savoie Roskos. Report approved.

Matt Sanders has replaced Lee Rickords as the chair of the General Education Subcommittee.

Other Business

This year will be a big one for the School of Graduate Studies. Student stipends have been a problem and President Cockett is engaged and looking into fixing this issue. There is a concern that the tuition pool has not risen in 10 years. Graduate Studies did a lot of strategic planning last year. They are developing a grievance process for graduate students (non-Title IX). The students are looking for transparency. Looking at the graduate student handbooks. Need to make it clear to faculty and students what the expectations are to successfully complete the graduate programs. Restarted the graduate studies student activities. Had first face-to-face orientation in years. Mental health has been the single biggest issue.

Registrar's office has been moved under the Office of the Provost and Chief Academic Officer.

Adjourn: 4:00 pm