Educational Policies Committee Minutes, March 2, 2023

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Present: Paul Barr, Chair, Provost’s Office  
Mateja Savoie Roskos, College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences  
Richard Walker, Caine College of the Arts  
Sterling Bone, Jon M. Huntsman School of Business  
Scott Budge, College of Engineering  
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  
Richard Cutler, Graduate Council  
Toni Gibbons, Registrar’s Office  
Fran Hopkin, Registrar’s Office  
Michele Hillard, Secretary  
Abraham Rodriguez, USUSA Executive VP  
Sarah Pope, Graduate Studies Senator

Absent: David Feldon, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services  
Shana Geffeney, Statewide Campuses  
Jason Marshall, USU Eastern  
Britt Fagerheim, University Libraries

Guests:

**Approval of Minutes – February 2, 2023**
Motion to approve the February 2, 2023 minutes made by Richard Cutler. Seconded by Chad Simon. Minutes approved as distributed.

**Subcommittee Reports**

*Curriculum Subcommittee (Chad Simon)*
Motion to approve the Curriculum Subcommittee report made by Chad Simon. Seconded by Sterling Bone. Report approved.

Course Approvals – 24
Request from the Department of Nutrition, Dietetics and Food Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to **discontinue the Dietetics Coordinated Emphasis in the Bachelor of Science**.

Request from the Department of Technology, Design and Technical Education in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to **offer a Cosmetology Certificate of Completion**.

Request from the Departments of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education, Sociology and Anthropology, Data Analytics and Information Systems, Management, Marketing and Strategy and the School of Accountancy in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business to **offer an Anthropology and Cultural Resource Management PhD**.

Request from the Department of Communication Studies and Philosophy in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences to **offer a Communication Studies Minor**.

Request from the Departments of Sociology and Anthropology and Data Analytics and Information Systems in the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Jon M. Huntsman School of Business to **offer an Archaeological Data Analytics Graduate Certificate**.

**Academic Standards Subcommittee** (Renee Galliher)  
Motion to approve the Academic Standards Subcommittee report made by Renee Galliher. Seconded by Chad Simon. Report approved.

Minutes – February 9, 2023  
The Academic Standards Subcommittee has not arrived at anything to be voted on yet. They are currently working on the academic grievance policy/process. Looking at what the task is and what specific procedures should be recommended. They want to clearly delineate academic vs. non-academic grievances an would prefer a more abbreviated pathway. It is felt that ultimate arbitration should end with the college dean. Looking at high priority for graduate students. The next step is to review policies at other institutions. Discussing what the pathways will be for community college students who transfer. It is felt that USU's General Education certificate will transfer well. Moving the General Education Subcommittee meetings to the first Tuesday of each month. This will help with aligning the reporting to the EPC committee and allowing requests to move through at the same time as the curriculum changes.

**General Education Subcommittee** (Matt Sanders)  
Motion to approve the General Education Subcommittee report made by Matt Sanders. Seconded by Chad Simon. Report approved.

Minutes – February 21, 2023  
The General Education Subcommittee is continuing with expertise discussions. Everyone agrees that there needs to be a mechanism to be able to turn down those requests. The issue of having depth designation in two areas for two credits each. They will need to have two separate instructors and each will teach half. This model would follow the process that the Honors Program uses. The USHE task force recently met t Utah Valley University to discuss the R470 policy. Looking at putting the General Education credit max at 27 vs. 30.

**Other Business**  
Congratulations to Abe Rodriguez. He is the new 2023-2024 USUSA President. The committee looks forward to working with him this next academic year. His inauguration will happen in April.

The April 6 meeting times will change. Curriculum will be from 2:00–2:30 pm and EPC from 2:30–3:00 pm.

**Adjourn: 3:46 pm**