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January 4, 2024  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Old Main-Champ Hall

## MINUTES

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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  
Jared Colton, College of Humanities and Social Sciences  
Peter Howe, S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources  
Heloisa Rutigliano, College of Veterinary Medicine  
Britt Fagerheim, University Libraries  
Renee Galliher, *Chair*, Academic Standards  
Chad Simon, *Chair*, Curriculum Subcommittee  
Matt Sanders, *Chair*, General Education Subcommittee  
Toni Gibbons, Registrar's Office  
Fran Hopkin, Registrar's Office  
Michele Hillard, Secretary

Absent: David Feldon, Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services  
Dan Coster, College of Science  
Shana Geffeney, Statewide Campuses  
Jason Marshall, USU Eastern  
Richard Cutler, Graduate Council  
Sarah Pope, Graduate Studies Senator  
Aly Cinq-Mars, USUSA Executive VP

Guests: N/A

### **Approval of Minutes – [December 7, 2023](#)**

*Motion to approve December 7, 2023, minutes made by Chad Simon. Seconded by Heloisa Rutigliano. Minutes approved as distributed.*

### **Subcommittee Reports**

#### **Curriculum Subcommittee (Chad Simon)**

*Motion to approve the Curriculum Subcommittee report made by Chad Simon. Seconded by Mateja Savoie Roskos. Report approved.*

*Course Approvals – 103*

### **Program Proposals**

Request from the Extension Office in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to [establish a Center for Family Life Programs](#). HELD

Request from the Department of Landscape Architecture and Environmental Planning in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to [offer a Design Entrepreneurship Institutional Certificate of Proficiency](#).

Request from the Department of Technology, Design and Technical Education in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to [offer a Plumbing Apprenticeship Certificate of Proficiency](#).

Request from the Departments of Applied Economics, Applied Sciences, Technology and Education, Plants, Soils and Climate and Civil and Environmental Engineering in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and the College of Engineering to [offer a Precision Agriculture Technology Post-Baccalaureate Certificate](#).

Request from the Departments of Plants, Soils and Climate, Applied Economics, Applied Sciences, Technology and Education and Civil and Environmental Engineering in the College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences and the College of Engineering to [offer a Precision Agriculture Technology Institutional Certificate of Proficiency](#).

Request from the Department of Communicative Disorders and Deaf Education in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Agriculture and Applied Sciences to [offer a Deaf Education Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science degree](#). ARCHIVE

Request from the Departments of Human Development and Family Studies, Kinesiology and Health Science, and Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services to [offer a Health Wellness and Equity Certificate of Proficiency](#).

Request from the Department of Kinesiology and Health Science in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services to [offer a Coaching Certificate of Proficiency](#).

Request from the Department of Special Education and Rehabilitation Counseling in the Emma Eccles Jones College of Education and Human Services to [offer a Special Education Associate of Science degree](#).

Request from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics in the College of Science to [offer a Data Literacy Minor](#). HELD

Request from the Department of Environment and Society in the S.J. & Jessie E. Quinney College of Natural Resources to [offer a Remote Sensing and Geospatial Artificial Intelligence Foundations Certificate of Proficiency](#).

### **Academic Standards Subcommittee (Renee Galliher)**

*Nothing to report – no meeting last month.*

Chair, Paul Barr has asked the Academic Standards Subcommittee to review the catalog page Conflicts with beliefs, alternative course requirements. The deadline for having this update is February 1, 2024.

**General Education Subcommittee (Matt Sanders)**

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

General Education Designations:

BHU – ENGL – 2140  
CI DHA – Creative Arts – FILM – 3220  
DHA – Humanities – HIST – 3765  
DHA – Humanities – TCR – 3120

All designations have been approved. Policy R470 has been approved and outcomes will be coming out this spring. USU is looking at straightening and narrowing the outcomes and cleaning up the Gen Ed rubrics. The new minimum credits in the policy are 27 and USU is at 30. Currently looking into making recommendations and then bringing it to a vote for EPC. Wrestling with dropping credits now or wait a year while we work on depth requirements. It might be a good idea to do everything in one package all at the same time. It would be nice to update and make these changes for the fall semester and then implement them for the 25-26 academic year. If we stay with 30 the last three credits need to be intentional. Policy and credit limits are set. Beginning fall of 2024 ENGL 2010 can be offered through USU as a concurrent enrollment course. Schools will let USU know in March the number of seats that will be needed.

**Other Business**

R475 – There is a CAO meeting next week. Two topics that caught the university's attention are the 90-credit bachelor's degree and the common course numbering. This could limit the number of credits for practicum and internships. The 5xxx courses and below do not count for graduate program(s). The policy R475 has been in place for some time. USU looks at 5xxx courses as undergraduate courses but can be used for graduate programs.

**Adjourn: 3:45 pm**