GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

January 17, 2017
8:30 am – 9:30 am
Old Main - Champ Hall

Present:  Dean Adams for Lee Rickords, Agriculture and Applied Sciences (Chair)
          Michele Hillard, Secretary
          Kacy Lundstrom, Library
          Dean Adams, Engineering
          Barbara Williams, Registrar’s Office
          Brock Dethier, Writing Program
          Harrison Kleiner, Connections
          Bob Mueller, Regional Campus
          Laura Gelfand, Arts
          David Brown, Quantitative Intensive
          Stephanie Hamblin, Exploratory Advising
          Dan McInerney, American Institutions
          Shelley Lindauer, Education and Human Services
          John Mortensen, Student Services
          Mykel Beorchia, University Advising
          Matt Sanders, Humanities and Social Sciences

Absent:  Ed Reeve, Provost’s Office
         Dick Mueller, Science
         Kris Miller, Honors
         Claudia Radel, Natural Resources
         Konrad Lee, Business
         Brian McCuskey, Humanities
         Janet Anderson, Office of the Provost
         Ryan Dupont, Life and Physical Sciences
         Jessica Hansen, Academic and Instructional Services
         Cindy Dewey, Creative Arts
         Melanie Nelson, USU Eastern
         Damon Cann, Social Sciences
         Ashley Waddoups, USUSA President

Visitors: Kaylee Roholt, Academic Advisor, School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education
          Elise Anderson, Provost’s Office
          Bruce Miller, Head, School of Applied Sciences, Technology and Education

Call to Order – Dean Adams

Approval of Minutes – November 15, 2016
Motion to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2016 meeting made by Shelley Lindauer.
Seconded by Brock Dethier. Minutes approved.
ANTH 3340 (QI) APPROVED

Motion to approve the QI designation made by David Brown. Seconded by Harrison Kleiner.

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ARTH 3360 (CI) APPROVED

Motion to approve the CI designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Harrison Kleiner.

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ARTH 3540 (CI) APPROVED

Motion to approve the CI designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Harrison Kleiner.

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ARTH 3640 (CI) APPROVED

Motion to approve the CI designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Harrison Kleiner.

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ARTH 3810 (CI) APPROVED

Motion to approve the CI designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Harrison Kleiner.

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NURS 3210 (CI) APPROVED

Motion to approve the CI designation made by Brock Dethier. Seconded by Harrison Kleiner.

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NURS 3230 (QI) APPROVED

Motion to approve the QI designation made by David Brown. Seconded by Brock Dethier.

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Business

Substitution for Exploration Requirement

Kaylee Roholt

Request: Allow the Exploration Requirement to be met by one additional depth course for Aviation Technology – Maintenance Management (ATMM) majors (60 declared majors currently).

Justification: Since fall 2012, ATMM students graduate with an average of 157.58 earned credit hours. The major requirements are lengthy (84 credits) and time intensive (multiple classes have 12+ contact hours each week). There is no room/need for electives in the plan of study by the time general education, major requirements, and upper division requirements are met. Allowing the exploration requirement to be satisfied with an additional upper division depth class would prevent ATMM students from registering for a lower division course that serves no other purpose.

Background: I am an academic advisor in the College of Ag and Applied Sciences. My ATMM students are required to answer to two governing bodies: Utah State University and the Federal Aviation Administration. Satisfying both entities is a wonderful combination, but makes for a very buys four years. I am looking to keep our students as close to 120 credits and four-years as possible.

The committee felt that the last sentence in the 2nd paragraph is more of a negative review of the depth courses. Stating that it serves no other purpose seems to be an inappropriate and misleading statement. Adding additional courses are a problem for students. The discussion centered around the fact that all students should have this...
opportunity, not just those pursuing an aviation major. Need to rewrite the requirement for exploratory stating that an additional Gen Ed course needs to be taken outside of your major. Need more information regarding the exploratory requirement. USU already exceeds expectations on requirements. USU is the only institution that requires depth courses outside of majors. Ensure that these changes are in line with the state wide Gen Ed Task Force. Should be approved as the rule, not the exception.

Table this requirement until next month when more information from the state can be obtained.

Data Collection for Writing/Communication Update
A letter has been sent out to everyone teaching a Communications Intensive (CI) Course requesting their updated syllabus. This will assist Joyce Kinkead’s students in helping with their research.

Next month Senate Bill 196 will be discussed.

Adjourn: 9:10 am