

## **Introduction: Educational Policies Committee**

Report for Faculty Senate 1 May 2006

Faculty Senate Executive Committee 17 April 2006

Joyce Kinkead-Chair, Stanley Allen-Agriculture, Scot Allgood-Education and Human Services, Todd Crowl-Natural Resources, Richard Cutler-Science, Steven Harris (interim replacement for Jennifer Duncan)-Libraries, Quinn Millet, ASUSU President, Spencer Watts, ASUSU Academic VP, Kathy Fitzgerald-HASS, David Luthy-DEED chair, Ronda Menlove-Extension, David Olsen-Business, Maure Smith-GSS President, Jeff Walters-ASC Chair, Darwin Sorensen-Engineering

### **Meeting Dates:**

September 1, 2005, October 6, 2005, November 3, 2005, December 1, 2005, January 5, 2006, February 2, 2006, March 2, 2006, April 6, 2006—all at 3:00 p.m. in Champ Hall, following Curriculum Subcommittee, which commences at 2:00 p.m.

### **Curriculum Subcommittee**

In April meetings, the Curriculum Subcommittee approved the following proposals:

#### **Action Items**

A request from the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering to offer a Master of Science in Computer Engineering and a Master of Engineering in Computer Engineering.

A request from the College of Natural Resources to change the prefix for courses in the new Department of Watershed Sciences (formerly AWER) be designated as WATS and the prefix for courses in the new Department of Wildland Resources (formerly FRWS) be designated as WILD, effective Spring 2007.

A request from the College of Humanities, Arts and Social Sciences, together with Continuing Education, to approve the Master of Social Work program to be offered on the Logan campus and 3 distance education sites.

The General Education Subcommittee presented the following language to be included in the *Code* 402.12.6:

The General Education Subcommittee reserves the right to review the syllabi and instructors of all USU courses, and all courses used for Breadth and Depth in the University Studies Program, under the following circumstances:

1. Whenever a new person is assigned to teach the course.
2. Whenever there is a significant change in the course content.

3. Whenever the course has not been taught for at least three years.
4. At five year intervals.
5. Whenever the course evaluations are low enough that there is cause for concern.

The review will determine if the syllabus of the course meets the expectations of the University Studies Program. The Subcommittee will offer an opportunity for the course to be revised as needed to meet expectation; failing that, it has the authority to remove a course or an instructor from University Studies offerings if expectations are not met.

### **Information Items**

Following are the 2007-2008 deadlines for curriculum changes.

<b>Semester</b>	<b>Submission Date*</b>	<b>Curriculum Sub-committee Date</b>
Spring 2007	March 23, 2006	April 6, 2006
Summer 2007	November 13, 2006	December 7, 2006
Fall 2007	November 13, 2006	December 7, 2006
Spring 2008	March 22, 2007	April 5, 2007
Summer 2008	November 12, 2007	December 6, 2007
Fall 2008	November 12, 2007	December 6, 2007

\*Course Approval Forms are due each month two weeks prior to meeting. However, some submission dates have been adjusted to compensate for holidays.

Any Course Approval Form submitted with changes to University Studies designated courses, needs to be approved by the General Education Subcommittee. The subcommittee has drafted a "Review of Courses" policy which reserves the right to review all General Education courses.

Richard Mueller will serve as chair for the Curriculum Subcommittee for the year 2006-2007, replacing Todd Crowl.

Scott Allgood was elected to serve as Chair of the Academic Standards Subcommittee, replacing Jeffrey Walters, who has served with distinction since 1999.

### **Recommendations**

EPC recommends approval of above changes by Faculty Senate.