

EDUCATIONAL POLICIES COMMITTEE AGENDA

6 November 2008

A meeting of the Educational Policies Committee will be held on 6 November 2008 at 3 p.m. in Old Main 136 (Champ Hall Conference Room).

I. Approval of the minutes of the 2 October 2008 meeting([see attachment](#))

II. Subcommittee Reports

A. Curriculum Subcommittee (Ed Reeve)

1. Course Approvals
2. Request from the Department of Family, Consumer, and Human Development to change the name of the Ph.D. in Family, Consumer, and Human Development major to Ph.D. in Family and Human Development

B. Academic Standards Subcommittee (Scot Allgood)

([See attachment](#))

Minutes of the Academic Standards Meeting

October 9, 2008

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The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Scot Allgood with the following people present: Jeannie Pacheco, Ann Roemer, Chris Call, Jeremy Jennings, Scot Allgood, John Mortensen and Ed Glatfelter.

The minutes for the last meeting were approved.

Ann Roemer and Jeannie Pacheco presented the “Undergraduate Admissions at Peer Institutions” list which listed USU ranking #22. The Provost’s office used this list which gave scores of IELTS (International English Language Testing System), TOFEL PBT (Test of English Foreign Language-paper) and TOFEL IBT (Test of English Foreign Language-internet based). The tests are all used for admissions and to assess readiness to pursue a major. Due to cultural issues some tests are easier for students from some parts of the world, but there is evidence that they do not have the English proficiency to succeed as a college student. The proposal was to raise USU’s test score requirements. After some discussion it was decided that Ann and Jeannie will check on equivalency between the test scores and formal motion will be made at the next meeting. (See attached sheet for score comparison with sister institutions).

The Excused Absence Policy that discussed at last month's meeting has been tabled. Jeremy reported that ASUSU passed legislation that President Albrecht will review and send back to the committee if appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

C. General Education Subcommittee (Gary Straquadine representing Richard Mueller)

([See attachment](#))

III. Other Business

Status of the Distance Education and Electronic Delivery Subcommittee