

**GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE
MINUTES**

03 October 2006, 8:30 a.m.
Champ Hall Conference Room

Present: Norm Jones - Chair
Richard Cutler - Science, Math and Statistics
John Mortensen - Registrar's Office
Richard Mueller - Science, Biology
Christie Fox - Honors Program
Charlie Huenemann - HASS, LPSC
Mary Leavitt – Science/HASS Advising Center
Shelley Lindauer - Education & Human Services, FCHD
Vince Lafferty - Extension/Continuing Education
Ryan Dupont, Civil and Environmental Engineering, College of Engineering
Steven Hanks, Vice Provost
Rhonda Miller - Agriculture, ASTE
Jeff Smitten - HASS, English
Tom Peterson - HASS, Interior Design
Noah Riley - ASUSU President

Excused: Rob Barton, Tyler Bowles, Nancy Mesner, Ryan Dupont, Wendy Holliday, Jagath Kaluarachchi, Roland Squire, Michelle Lundberg

I. Approval of Minutes of April 2006

Moved, seconded and passed.

II. Course Approvals

- a. THEA 3450 – DHA
approved
- b. THEA 3400 – DHA
approved
- c. HIST 4830 – CI approved
- d. HIST 3900 – DSC
Held over for subcommittee recommendation.

The syllabus for a USU 1320 section to be taught by Felix Tweraser was approved.

III. Articulation Issues – John Mortensen

John raised the issue of turn-around time on articulation of courses and questioned if it would be appropriate to ask for a two-week turn-around time from departments. If a response is not received within that two weeks, then he will articulate is as an elective credit so it will at least appear on the student's transcript, although they will accept amendments after the two weeks. Steve Hanks added that this has been an inhibitor for international students. He suggested to talk to the deans to make sure they are articulated sooner. Charlie Huenemann recommended shortening the deadline to one week and to send a reminder warning to the dean if not responded to by then.

IV. Math Disabilities and General Education Policy – Norm Jones

There has been a sudden spike in the number of students who present a letter from a professional psychiatrist stating that the student has a true math disability. Under ADA, we

have to take this seriously. The question is whether we just accept this and excuse the student from that course or do we require a substitution class; e.g., Logic. The concern is that the Regents policy in Gen Ed states that CI courses must have Algebra 1010 as a prerequisite. A few suggestions were to substitute the math requirement with a Logic or Family Finance class.

Richard Cutler moved and Mary Leavitt seconded that when a student is medically certified as having a math learning disability a course substitution will be made that honors the math literacy requirement. The motion carried unanimously.

V. Educated Persons Conference: November 10, SLC – Norm Jones

This conference, entitled *“The Role of the Federal Government in Higher Education”*, will be Nov. 10 in Salt Lake City. This is the annual conference on Utah general education sponsored by the Regents’ Task Force on General Education. The Provost’s office will pay for eight people to attend. Monica Ingold is handling the registration (71290). Andi will forward the conference flyer to the committee.

VI. Other Business

1. Wendy Holliday has completed the study on information literacy. Norm asked for a sub-committee to follow up on this. Jeff Smitten, Christi Fox, Rhonda Miller and Richard Cutler volunteered to serve on this committee.
2. John Mortensen asked about Gen Ed requirements equivalencies that seem obvious. Must they be approved by the Chair of the Gen Ed Committee? What authority do advisors have to make a substitution; e.g., from another school? The committee decided that the advisors would have this authority in cases in which there was an obvious correspondence.
3. Credit Requirements for DHA Courses to be discussed at next month’s meeting – Tom Peterson.