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Chair James called the meeting to order in HML 4115 Haak Conference room.

1. Approval of Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes

3. Communications and Announcements

a. HON 20/21 (Chadley)

b. CI 152 Adolescent Learning and Development (Chadley)

c. APM 215 Update (Xuanning/ Melissa)

d. Assessment Best Practices Survey (Xuanning/Chadley)

e. GE Themes/ CSU Chico

4. Old Business

a. MUS-4A; 161A; 161B

5. New Business

6. Adjournment

Attending:

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| **Member** | **College** |  |
| David Kinnunen | CHHS | --- |
| Chadley James | COSS | X |
| Spee Kosloff | CSM | --- |
| Christina Luna | KSOEHD | --- |
| Steven Payne | CSM | --- |
| Devendra Sharma | CAH | X |
| Yushin Ahn | LCOE | X |
| Lynn Williams | JCAST | X |
| Kathy Dunbar | Student Affairs | X |
| Xuanning Fu | Undergrad Studies | X |
| Melissa Jordine, Guest | University assessment | X |
| Erica Lassen, Guest | Articulation | X |
| Chris Beck | ASI Student Rep | X |

Agenda was approved by a unanimous vote. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Chadley sent recommendations to Saeed and the Douglas Fraleigh who is teaching the course. Saeed and Douglas will come to the meeting to discuss the proposals.

Chadley has sent two e-mails out to the in

itiator of the CI 152 proposal in Bizflow. Chadley will send an e-mail to the Chair of the department to let them know.

Update regarding APM 215: A clean version of changes to APM 215 was created by Jayne Ramirez. The updated version should be ready to submit to the Academic Senate, but a concern was brought up regarding a possible reference to intermediate algebra. Chadley will take the lead on re-submitting to Academic Senate. Dr. Fu also noted that on the GE advising there are pre-requisites for UD GE (GE Foundation, respective GE area). From executive order only found that GE Foundation are required, not the additional pre-requisite. Change appeared to come from movement from CAPSTONE to new GE pattern, but there appears to be no policy foundation.

Chris indicated that students come in during the summer and some have not finished some of the GE courses and it is difficult to get them into upper-division GE courses. There is a recommendation to vote and approve (keep) the requirement to take lower-division B course before IB courses but to remove the requirements to take a C course before upper-division IC and D course before upper-division ID. Dr Fu will draft a document that states that only B course will be required for IB but no other requirements. Golden four courses cannot be changes it is a Chancellor’s Office order and the sixty unit requirement must also be retained but that is not unduly negatively impacting students. Additional faculty needed to check requirements and to offer enough courses for the students.

Assessment Best Practices Survey: Next year there will be results regarding GE assessment to be given to the Assessment Committee. Dr. Jordine will take the survey to the Assessment subcommittee and then bring the results to the GE Committee. Motion was passed unanimously.

Discussion was brought up again regarding informally limiting A3 Critical Thinking courses to enrollment caps of 25 students. A concern was brought up

regarding effects on budgetary issues and equity. It was suggested that action would be left to Deans to decide how to limit their courses. It was suggested that colleges and departments look at it and the committee recommend that where possible, enrollment limits for A3 courses would be followed. Specific language would be written up and brought to the next meeting.

GE Themes/CSU Chico: Kathy reached out to CSU Chico regarding their thematic tracks. Chico offered to discuss challenges and other feedback they had regarding their experience with themes, which could be provided to the GE committee. Kathy asked for any questions to take to their meeting next Thursday/Friday and will report back on any feedback at our next meeting.

Music 4A; 161A; 161B

Chadley reached out to Matt Darling regarding missing information in the syllabi. The committee needs to now move forward with reviewing the syllabi for MUSIC 161A and MUSIC 161B. Chris and Chadley will work on evaluating MUSIC 161A, and Melissa and Devendra will work on evaluating MUSIC 161B to be reviewed by the next meeting.

Chris and Erica met with Spee regarding the review of the GE evaluation forms. Two different forms have been created through Google Docs and Google Forms that were sent to Spee, which will be sent to the GE committee.

It was further suggested that the GE Committee Folder be moved to a Team Drive.