

## LIBERAL STUDIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 26, 2000

**Members Present:** Dana Edge, Nory Prochaska, Elizabeth Addison, Gary Smith, Scott Philyaw, Will Peebles, Debra Burke, John Habel, Don Livingston (for Robert Vartabedian), Richard Collings (guest).

**Members Absent:** Fred Hinson

Nory Prochaska called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. by calling for a review of the minutes from the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. There was a motion and second to accept the minutes with revisions.

Richard Collings addressed the group regarding his announcement at the recent Department Heads Workshop concerning Liberal Studies Courses. He encouraged the Department Head to promptly begin work on course proposals for the new program. He also talked about resources for the Liberal Studies Program.

John Habel asked Debra Burke for an update on the BA-133 course proposal. Debra has talked with the proposers and believes that the proposal will be re-submitted to the LSOC.

The following course proposals were discussed:

- CJ-190 - John Habel remarked that he was familiar with the "Annual Editions" texts and thought they indicated high quality in the course proposal. This course proposal was approved unanimously.
- FS-364 - Some committee members thought that this course has potential to be very good; however, some of the guidelines for this course are lenient and it lacks the rigor expected of a 300-level Liberal Studies course. The members of the Committee generally agreed that the course could be an interesting option in the social science perspectives category. However, reservations were expressed about the appropriateness of the proposal as a perspectives course at the upper level. The proposal did not show clearly how this course would move the students more deeply into an academic discipline than would be typical of "survey" courses offered at freshman and sophomore level. The Committee will draft a memo to the proposers explaining its concerns about this course.

The next meeting will be on October 3, 2000 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the Rogers Room of the University Center.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Buchanan