

Liberal Studies Oversight Committee Minutes
2-28-06

Members Present: Brent Kinser, Tracy Zontek, Brian Dinkelmeyer, Windy Gordon, Jim DeConinck, Robert Anderson, Charles Wallis, Will Poynter, Beth Tyson-Lofquist, Terry Michelsen, Melissa Wargo, and guest Alan Socha

Will Poynter joined the committee (replacing Millie Abel as a CEAP representative for the remainder of the year). Introductions were made.

Minutes of the February 21 meeting were approved.

Two brief comments: The IRB has given approval for the collection of data (including student work samples) for ongoing program assessment. And just for clarification, the committee was advised that Brian Gastle's visit to the committee the previous week was of his own initiative, and not at the request of Beth or Charles.

The HSCC205 (Women's Health) course proposal was approved by unanimous vote as a P6 Liberal Studies course.

The wording on the LS checksheet for the C5 (science) category has been improved, but we will continue to fine tune the wording to clearly indicate precisely the "non-liberal studies courses" which satisfy the requirement. {As follow-up to this discussion, Terry Michelsen gathered information from department heads in the science disciplines as to which courses have applied components or labs.}

After continued discussion about the upper-level perspective, the motion was made that the committee's ultimate recommendation to the university (for LS program changes) include the following: as a prerequisite for registering for an upper-level perspective, a student must have successfully completed ENGL101 and 102 and must have attempted 45 credit hours. The motion passed unanimously.

A concern was mentioned that the 45-hour requirement might be difficult to program in banner. An invitation will be extended to Larry Hammer to discuss this issue with the committee.

The committee continued a review of data provided by Alan Socha about the availability of upper-level perspective (ULP) courses. A few ULP's have never been offered (but some may be new courses). Two "old" ULP courses have not been offered since fall 2003. Departments will be contacted to see if they intend to offer these courses in the future. It was noted that there are few ULP's offered in the P5 category. The committee is considering inviting departments to offer more sections of ULP courses.