

Liberal Studies Oversight Committee
Minutes
9-25-06

Attendees Present: Brent Kinser, Tracy Zontek, Sloan Despeaux (guest from Math & CS dept), Luther Jones, Brain Dinkelmeyer, Will Poynter, Kari Hensley, Terry Michelsen, Beth Tyson Lofquist, Jim DeConinck

- Introductions for guests (Sloan Despeaux)
Welcome and thank you for your willingness to assist the LSOC with the C2 assessment.
- Approval of minutes for 9.11 and 9.18 meetings
Minutes were approved with minor changes pending.

The 9-11-06 minutes were approved pending the removal of the word often in reference to the students not knowing how to research or reference correctly and plagiarism being a common problem.

The 9-18-06 minutes were approved but follow up was needed on the Freshman Reading selection process. Tammy Haskett, Beth Huber or Liz Kelly has been invited to attend next week to speak about the process and book selection.

- Discussion with Sloan Despeaux of Math and C.S. about C2 Assessment

Sloan Despeaux joined the LSOC meeting to share insight on the C2 assessment. She suggested to the group looking at MATH 101, it is a course specifically designed for the liberal studies purpose and to fulfill its mission. All other MATH courses focus on specific majors and are statistically based. By using the Ultimate Survey tool and document Charles Wallis had already rough drafted it is possible to tweak and use as the LSOC did with the C4 assessment already. Tracy will email survey sample by the end of the week. Our plan is to use ultimate survey and collect syllabi with random samples of work from fall and spring semesters.

- Discussion of “fixing” the first year seminar
 - Proposed options:
 - ABC/U grading; make up with LS elective. Using ABC/U policy was approved but making a U up with having to take a LS elective was tabled until results from “double dipping” are decided.
 - Retake the seminar the very next semester (allow grade replacement with any topic seminar course).
 - Leave (not so) well enough alone.
- Old business/New business
Tammy Haskett and someone from FYC will be attending next week to discuss the overall history, process and selection of the Freshman Reading selection.