Liberal Studies Oversight Committee
Minutes
4-23-07

Attendees Present: Brent Kinser, Tracy Zontek, Luther Jones, Windy Gordon, Will Poynter, Jim DeConinck, Peter Nieckarz, Kari Hensley, Brian Dinkelmeyer

- **Minutes** from April 9 approved

- **MUS 102** Proposal approved pending changes
  - Reference CD
  - No LS Outcomes
  - No grading scale

- **Next Years Committee**
  - Brian will phase off after serving 3 years but will remain the liaison for C5 category
  - Luther is permanent for 3 years

  Jim DeConinick brought up a good point. Overall he was the only full professor and only two to others were tenured on the LSOC. He publicly thanked the others for the time they invest into serving on the committee. More often than not the volunteers who serve on committees campus wide are non-tenured or not tenured track members. That is not very good representation of effort. We value each member equally and appreciate all you do for WCU.

- **PAR 315-Philosophy of Mind**
  - PAR issue, can only take the course once in the academic career (only offered once every three years) misrepresentation of program
  - Worthy of LS? Suggestion to take old courses out no longer offering before adding new courses
  - PAR is across four categories
  - Faculty Senate will be setting guidelines in reference to frequency. Summer In comparison to the LS doc they have met all inclusion and exclusion rules? Liberal Studies is about broadening perspectives, will this course do that? PAR has majors with no pre-reqs and ULP courses are counting? Course is missing course objectives in addition to LS objectives

- **C2 & C3 Assessment Reports** - Beth will get letters out

  C2: Sloan Despeaux  Mathematics
      Jeff Lawson  Mathematics
      Wes Stone  Engineering Technology

  C3: Will Dulaney  Communications
      Debra Connelly  Communications
Kathleen Brennan  Sociology

Surveys have been done and syllabuses have been collected
Report to team of course meeting perspective

- **First Year Seminar** - move forward according to MGT findings
  Beth officially sent out emails and one representative from the LSOC should be on the subcommittee once formed next semester. All colleges will have to have representation on the subcommittee.