

Liberal Studies Oversight Committee
2:30 p.m., Monday, October 29, 2007

Minutes

- I. Present: Tracy Zontek (chaired for Peter Nieckarz), Brent Kinser, Terry Michelsen, Robert Anderson, Luther Jones, Melissa Wargo, Jim DeConinck, Alex Macaulay, and Carol Burton
- II. Minutes: October 22 Meeting. Motion for approval by Brent; seconded by Jim. Minutes approved.
- III. Discussion
Discussion of LSOC members' assignments to develop surveys for assessment of all remaining liberal studies areas was conducted. *Drafts of surveys due to LSOC: Monday, November 5th*. Members requested that they could submit the survey items to Tracy in MS Word and Tracy agreed to place them in Ultimate Survey format.
- IV. Future Action: Upper Level Perspectives
Committee members discussed the utility and future of the Upper Level Perspectives that are part of the Liberal Studies Program. Members recommended that the ULPs be reviewed for learning outcomes and effectiveness in achieving those outcomes following the conclusion of the assessment of the core and perspectives areas next year.
- V. Main Agenda: Liberal Studies and Current Trends
The committee reviewed a draft of a matrix developed by Carol that included mapping of the areas referenced by Dr. Bardo in his opening-of-school general faculty meeting: globalization, cultural diversity, US demography, the environment, leadership, teamwork, etc., as well as some of the elements included in the focus of the QEP: synthesis, integrative learning, self-exploration, service and experiential learning, etc. The presence or absence of these themes was discussed and a recommendation was made to provide clear definitions of the themes before the committee evaluated their applicability in the program. The committee will continue to evaluate the Liberal Studies Program using more concrete definitions at the November 12th meeting. Carol will send an updated liberal studies check list that includes course titles to members.
- VI. Reminder: Faculty Forum on the Online Course Evaluation adopted this semester. Today at 3:35 p.m. in the UC Theatre.
- Meeting adjourned at 3:30.