Attendees Present: Alex Macaulay, Melissa Wargo, Carol Mellen, Kari Hensley, Carol Burton, Tracy Zontek, Terry Michelsen, Peter Nieckarz, Luther Jones, Robert Anderson, Will Poynter, and Jim DeConinck

I. Approval of the 10-29-07 Minutes- Approved; no meeting was held on November 5th because of the UNC Tomorrow Faculty Forum

II. NSG 345- proposed as a P6 World Cultures-
Action: Table discussion, share feedback with department and invite department representative to speak on behalf of the proposal
Concerns:
- No pre-requisites are allowed on ULP courses
- Proposed for “anyone” to take but “preference” to be given to nursing and health sciences students
- Can’t offer as ULP to nursing students, ULP has to be outside the major
- Syllabus did not have enough detail on learning outcomes relative to liberal studies perspectives areas
- Course didn’t appear to meet all P6 category standards

III. NSG proposal to approve MATH 170 for students
Action: Approved by LSOC
Concerns:
- Waiver/sub problem
- Double dipping 4 courses
- 83 credits within major

IV. Electrical Engineering (BSEE) program change proposal- reduce the number of liberal studies hours from 42 to 39 hours for students majoring in electrical engineering by only requiring one course in the P1 area (social sciences perspectives) instead of two courses.
Contacts Ken Burbank, Dept Head & Bob Adams, Program Director
Action: Motion to approve proposal was denied.
Vote: 1=yes; 6=no; 1=abstain
Further discussion:
Collaboration of UNC-Charlotte-articulation agreement.
WCU requires more LS courses
- MATH (calculus) UNC-C is 3 credit course
- CALCULUS at WCU-is 4 credit course
The course designed for Engineering is no longer offered at WCU because of low enrollment so engineering students have to enroll in the math majors’ equivalent, which increases the overall hours. It is not the purview of the LSOC to reduce the hours of liberal studies required by students according to major. We have to honor the program as it was implemented and approved by the Faculty Senate. Waiver or change request must be submitted and approved at a higher level.

V. Perspectives Assessment Survey

- Robert Anderson will send electronically his survey items to Melissa to format into Ultimate Survey and imbed the common questions used for all liberal studies perspectives assessment.
- Tracy will send perspectives survey items info to Melissa for same
- Kirsten (Melissa’s new asst.) will compile data and format forms
- November 26th – students will begin accessing surveys online
- LS courses are tagged-attached to CoursEval; students will also get category surveys

VI. First Year Seminar (FYS) Assessment Groups-Push to meet in between semesters

- Concerns: Have folks that have/have not taught FYS
- Consider changing the FYS statement in the LS document.

Carol is hosting a series of First Year Seminar Faculty Meetings:

a. Tomorrow, November 13th; 8:30-9:30 am in Stillwell Rm 338
b. Wednesday, November 28th; 11-12 pm in the UC Cardinal Rm

Faculty who have been nominated to serve on the assessment teams for assessing First Year Seminar:
- Bill Papin
- Gayle Wells
- April Tallant
- Tracy Rice
- Linda Bowers
- Christopher Hoyt
- Nory Prochaska
- Science Reps-Brian Dinkelmeyer

VII. Future Items:

- LS-Future Trends Matrix- Carol distributed to all electronically for review – will follow up on November 26th
- LS check sheet Changes – Carol and Kari will update and cross check
- No meeting on Monday, November 19th

Next Meeting: Monday, November 26th at 2:30 p.m., UC Rogers Room