LSOC Committee meeting 2/25/08

**Present:** Jim DeConinck, Peter Nieckarz, Tracy Zontek, Terry Michelsen, Luther Jones, Alex Macaulay, Will Poynter, Brent Kinser  
**Guests:** Michelle Scifers, Mark Holliday, Beth Tyson Lofquist (for Carol Burton)  
**Recorder:** Joel Knisley

*Minutes from 2/14/08 approved pending addition to Brent's line “NCUR is a still a good indicator....”*

**Discussion of HSCC 420 proposal (guest: Michelle Scifers)**  
**The following points were mentioned:**

- The HSCC prefix refers to a core of classes which intersect with several programs in Health Sciences.  
- Question: Will this be required as a ULP for any of those programs?  
- It’s approved, but not required as part of a degree.  
- If hours for this class count toward the major, it can’t count as ULP.  
- Question: could this be Environmental Health instead of Health Sciences?  
- Suggestion that this be a 400-instead of 300-level course.  
- There are no special prerequisites. Anyone can take it.

*Motion to approve HSCC 420 proposal with addition of Liberal Studies objectives to the description/syllabus. Seconded & carried.*

**Discussion of CS190 proposal (guest: Mark Holliday). The following points were mentioned:**

- This class addresses a need to address the social/ethical issues in computing. Security-related issues and freedom of speech are the two main areas covered.  
- Request for clarification of how much writing will be required in the class.  
  - Response: most grading is on oral presentation and participation in debates. Written work will be graded, returned with suggestions, allowed to be revised and re-submitted.  
  - Primary sources like What is Computer Ethics will be used, and the writing will be directly tied to reporting on the primary sources. This course is supposed to be driven more by format than by content.  
- Question: How is this course going to expose students to landmark texts, in compliance with the Liberal Studies objectives?  

*Motion to approve CS190 proposal with description amended to include more detail, as well as the LS objectives. Seconded & carried.*
Discussion of CS210 - P4 proposal (guest: Mark Holliday). The following points were mentioned:

- This isn't a humanities class, in that it's not a study of a landmark text. The syllabus doesn't demonstrate historical pretext to the ethical issues. Ethical theory itself isn't covered.
- Response: Our strength is in understanding the computer portion. We could revise the proposal...
- Suggestion: the course could be co-taught. Daryl Hale could be consulted...

*Discussion of CS210 is tabled until more information is presented by the Mathematics and Computer Science department.

New business:
Brent Kinser is on the UNC Tomorrow Global Readiness Team. They will be discussing the role of the Liberal Studies programs, (ex: could LS be better integrated with High Schools and Community Colleges?...the timing of a Liberal Studies Program review?). Their recommendations must be completed by March 17. The input of the LSOC is needed.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m. Next meeting is Monday, March 17, 2:30 p.m.
Location: UC 322, CSI conference room.