

Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
February 7, 2011
University Center, Dogwood Room

Members Present: Alexander Maculay (Chair), Brent Kinser, Carol Burton, Gayle Wells, Robert Mulligan, Shannon Thompson, Steve Baxley, Tracy Zontek

Members Absent: Anna Craft, Peter Tay

Guest: Tonya Westbrook

Recorder: Ricky Lanning

1. Approval of minutes from January 24th LSC meeting
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by Alex. The first agenda item was the approval of the minutes from the January 24, 2011 LSC meeting. Alex brought the minutes from the meeting before the committee and they were subsequently approved.

2. Discussion of SOCW 354 AA5
 - a. Dr. Tonya Westbrook was introduced to the committee. Dr. Westbrook is an assistant professor of social work on campus. Dr. Westbrook was then invited to provide the committee with an overview of the proposed course. Dr. Westbrook says that this proposed course in social work covers the basic theories of the topic. The committee members were able to view the textbook that would be used in the class and the committee asked some general questions related to the course and the overall focus of the course. A motion was made and seconded to approve this course tentatively on the condition that Dr. Westbrook provide the committee members with a copy of the full course syllabus for their review. The committee then voted unanimously to approve the course conditional upon the review of the full course syllabus.

3. Discussion of HSCC 130 to 190 AA5
 - a. The committee members began discussion of this course and committee member Tracy Zontek noted the strengths of the course and the reasoning behind the change. A conversation ensued about the documentation that was provided for review. Recommendations were provided to Tracy concerning modifications to the syllabus. A motion was made and seconded to accept this course tentatively pending the approval of the changes to the syllabus. The committee then voted unanimously to approve the course conditional upon the review of the full course syllabus

4. Update on Council of Dean's Request

- a. The next agenda item was a follow-up discussion concerning the Council of Deans' request that was brought before the committee during the January 24th meeting. Carol provided an update on her meeting with the Council of Deans and the proposal that the committee had sent to them along with the Council's feedback. Carol provided a liberal studies analysis handout (specific to First Year Seminar and Upper Level Perspectives program prioritization) and the committee was able to view the document. The group then revisited the conversations they had through email during the course of last week. No further specific proposal was decided upon at this time.

5. Old/New Business

- a. Alex presented to the committee a copy of the "Liberal Studies Course Replacement Form for Honors Students" that was approved by the Faculty Senate recently.

Time of Meeting Adjournment: 5:00p