Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
April 25, 2011
University Center, Dogwood Room

Members Present: Alexander Macaulay (Chair), Brent Kinser, Carol Burton, Shannon Thompson, Peter Tay, Susan Metcalf, Steve Baxley, Gayle Wells, Tracy Zontek, Robert Mulligan

Members Absent: None

Guests: Christopher Hoyt, Will Peebles, Tom Salzman

Recorder: Ricky Lanning

1. Approval of minutes from the April 18, 2011 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 April 18, 2011 LSC meeting. Alex brought the minutes from the meeting before the committee and they were subsequently approved. The minutes are now available on the LSC website for viewing. ([http://www.wcu.edu/10946.asp](http://www.wcu.edu/10946.asp)).

2. Discussion of PAR 201 AA-5:
   a. Guest Christopher Hoyt, associate professor in the Philosophy and Religion Department, joined the committee to discuss adding PAR 201 (Philosophy of Sex and Love) to the P4 category. The guest discussed the writing element of the course along with the combined research elements of the course. The guest talked about the rationale behind bringing on a new liberal studies course. This proposed course would count as part of the Philosophy major but not Religion.
   b. A concern was raised that there is already a high representation of PAR courses in the current Liberal Studies lineup. There was a discussion concerning enrollment trends in PAR courses. It was agreed that more data needs to be reviewed with respect to enrollment trends.
   c. A motion was made and seconded to approve the course. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.

3. Discussion of ART 191, MUS 191, and THEA 191 AA-5:
   a. Guests Tom Salzman and Will Peebles joined the committee for a discussion of ART 191, MUS 191, and THEA 191 AA-5. As of the date of the committee meeting, the aforementioned courses are open to all students regardless of major. The major change to these courses would be that they are now only open to majors within the College of Fine and Performing arts, others by permission of the Director of each School.
b. A general discussion ensued and the guests provided the committee with the background that led them to bring the new proposals forward. Essentially not enough sessions were being offered as was originally promised when the courses were originally proposed and students within the major are not being able to get registered.

c. A motion was made and seconded to approve the course with an effective date of Fall 2011. The motion was seconded and the motion passed by a vote of 6-1.

4. Old/New Business
   a. Carol has asked Larry to provide her with an update of courses that have zero enrollment. Carol also updated the committee by stating that we have 1000 fewer seats than were used last Fall. Alex provided a brief update on the Honor’s path.
   b. This was the last meeting of the Liberal Studies Committee until Fall 2011. Two members will not be returning to the committee in the Fall. The committee wishes to thank Tracy Zontek and Robert Mulligan for their contributions to the group.

Time of Meeting Adjournment: 5:00p