Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
September 16, 2011
University Center, Dogwood Room

Members Present: Alexander Macaulay (Chair), Brent Kinser, Carol Burton, Shannon Thompson, Peter Tay, Susan Metcalf, Steve Baxley, Erin Myers, Baldwin Sanders, Michelle Scifers, Jane Eastman, Lorrie Willey, Beth Jones, Debby Singleton

Members Absent: None

Guests: None

Recorder: Ricky Lanning

1. Introduction of new members:
   a. The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm by Alex. Each of the LSC members took a moment to introduce themselves to the committee.

2. Approval of minutes from the April 25, 2011 LSC meeting:
   a. The second agenda item was the approval of the minutes from the April 25, 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)).

3. Military Credit for Wellness Discussion:
   a. The third agenda item was discussion of the various agreements that WCU has had with members of the military and the wellness requirement. It was discussed that only two institutions in the UNC system, WCU being one of them, do not count previous military activity as a means in which students can have the wellness requirement waived. Carol informed the group that the Board of Governors has recently passed a resolution waiving the wellness requirement for military members and that she will update the group once she gets the formal resolution. A general discussion ensued amongst committee members about the wellness components of the requirement and how military students will be missing out.

   b. A copy of the September 9, 2011 Board of Governors resolution is attached to these minutes.
4. **Discussion of PSC 415 AA-5:**
   a. The fourth agenda item was discussion of a course deletion request from Chris Cooper of the Political Science & Public Affairs office. The department has submitted the required AA-5 form and Alex informed the committee that during his discussion with the faculty member they discussed the reasoning behind the deletion request as being that the instructor no longer teaches here at WCU and that the course hasn’t been taught in 5 years. A motion to approve the course deletion was made and seconded and the committee approved the course deletion unanimously. The committee also voted unanimously that Alex be allowed to approve the deletion of PSC 416, a companion course to PSC 415, without bringing the deletion before the committee formally.

5. **Settle terms of service for new members**
   a. The committee has seven new members and Alex spoke with each of them about settling terms of service. The new members decided that a random drawing was the fairest method. The results were as follows:
      - Erin Myers – 3 years
      - Baldwin Sanders – 2 years
      - Michelle Scifers – 3 years
      - Jane Eastman – 2 years
      - Lorrie Willey – 3 years
      - Beth Jones – 1 year
      - Debby Singleton – 3 years
   b. While not a new committee member, it was noted that Brent Kinser’s term with this committee will be for one year.

6. **Old/New Business**
   a. EPDY 190 First-Year Seminar is a course that had been approved as a liberal studies course over the summer via an emergency approval by Carol. Alex is working with the contact person to come in and speak with the committee about the formal AA5 proposal to bring the course out of emergency approved status. The AA5 is currently available on the H: drive (Mercury Share) and Alex will also send out the form to committee members via email. Carol spoke about how the Provost’s Office can approve course on an emergency basis and that’s how the EPDY course has been up and running without coming through the committee.

   b. Brent provided the committee with a Gen Ed Task Force update.

*Time of Meeting Adjournment: 2:10pm*
Madame Chair,

We heard yesterday that some of our campuses still require members of the military and Veterans to fulfill a health or physical education requirement for their general studies. I offer a resolution and a motion for the Board's consideration:

_Be it resolved --_

It is the sense of the Board of Governors that a UNC institution's general studies requirement for health education or physical education be considered satisfied for active duty service members and Veterans enrolled in a program of instruction at a UNC institution.

_Further --_

I move for the President to report to the Board of Governors at its January meeting the specific steps that UNC institutions will take to provide course credit to satisfy any general studies requirement for health or physical education for active duty service military or Veterans. Further, the Board of Governors should strongly encourage the President and all UNC campuses to promote the transfer of credit for military training, education, and experience, consistent with American Council on Education (ACE) credit equivalencies for academic credit, wherever possible.

_Approved by the Board of Governors
September 9, 2011_