Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
September 30, 2011
University Center, Dogwood Room

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

Members Absent: Susan Metcalf

Guests: Kurt Frederick

Recorder: Ricky Lanning

1. Approval of minutes from the September 16, 2011 LSC meeting:
   - The first agenda item was the approval of the minutes from the September 16, 2011 LSC meeting. Alex brought the minutes from the meeting before the committee and they were subsequently approved with the request that committee member Brent Kinser’s time of service be noted as a one-year term. The minutes are now available on the LSC website for viewing. (http://www.wcu.edu/10946.asp).

2. AA5 for EPDY 190 discussion:
   - Guest Kurt Frederick joined the committee to discuss the recently submitted AA5 for EPDY 190. The guest is an academic advisor out of the College of Education and Allied Professions and instructor/coordinator of the WHEE Teach learning community. Kurt talked about first-year student engagement and how this proposed course can accomplish that goal. He spoke about how the course teaches the value of learning to future educators and how they’ll be able to pass along that knowledge to their own students once they become educators. The guest said that the course really appeals to education students. The guest continued to provide the committee with a general introduction of the course. A discussion ensued amongst the committee members and they engaged the guest with a wide variety of questions. The primary concern of committee members was this proposed course being tied/limited to only education majors. The guest spoke at great length about the negative impact on the learning community if the course was not limited in the manner that it is temporarily operating on through an emergency action over the summer.
   - A motion was made to approve the course for the Spring 2012 Semester (closed to education majors only). The motion was seconded and then approved unanimously by the committee.
• The committee then heard a motion to approve amending the AA5 to state that with respect to the Fall 2012 semester that if the course in question is attached to a learning community (as it currently exists) then the course can be closed to education majors only. This motion was approved by a vote of 9 to 2 in favor.

3. Old/New Business
   • Alex announced that the committee will be meeting next week and the committee will be reviewing two new course proposals.

Time of Meeting Adjournment: 2:10pm