Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
October 18, 2013
University Center, Dogwood Room

Members Present: Brent Kinser (chair), Erin Myers, Gary Jones, Jim DeConinck, Martin Tanaka, Michelle Scifers, Paromita Biswas, Carol Burton, Steve Baxley

Members Absent: Debby Singleton, Ellizabeth McRae, Niall Michelsen, Travis Bennett

Recorder: Ricky Lanning

1. Approval of minutes from the September 6, 2013 meeting:
   - The first agenda item was the approval of the minutes from the September 6, 2013 LSC meeting. Brent 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).

2. Discussion of Gen Ed Update Letters to Faculty and College Curriculum Committees: Brent provided the group with updates from his discussion with Enrique Gomez and Lori Unruh (UCC Co-Chairs) about this Liberal Studies Committee’s charge. The Faculty Senate has charged the Liberal Studies Committee and the University Curriculum Committee, jointly, with seeking feedback on the proposed General Education program that was submitted to the Faculty Senate last year. Brent provided committee members with draft copies of letters that will be sent back soliciting feedback.

3. Discussion of BA 133 Course Change: Debra Burke from the College of Business submitted an AA-5 requesting to change the name of BA 133 – Strategy First to Introduction to Business. The committee began a general discussion in general terms about whether or not this specific should be classified as a “liberal studies course”. A motion to approve the name change was made and the motion passed by a vote of six approving with one member electing to abstain from the vote. A motion to request a syllabus for this course from the College of Business was made and the motion passed. Brent will request the syllabus.

4. Old Business: Steve Baxley presented the committee with a document showing the Fall 2013 Transfer Student Degree and Hour Totals. The information presented was as follows:
   - 733 Active Student Type of “T” admit term of 201380
   - 187 with an AA or AS degree
   - 40 with a bachelor’s degree
   - 506 without one of the above degrees.
Of those without a degree, hours transferred are:

1. 0-29 – 119
2. 30-59 – 180
3. 60-89 – 151
4. 90-119 – 33
5. 120+ - 11
6. None – 12
7. No Degree Total: 506

Time of Meeting Adjournment: 4:30pm, Next Meeting is November 1, 2013 at 3:30p in the UC Dogwood Room