Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
January 24, 2014
University Center, Dogwood Room

Members Present: Brent Kinser (chair), Elizabeth McRae, Jim Deconinck, Niall Michelsen, Travis Bennett, Carol Burton, Steve Baxley, Debby Singleton, Erin Myers, Martin Tanaka, Paromita Biswas

Members Absent: Michelle Scifers

Recorder: Ricky Lanning

1. Approval of minutes from the November 22, 2013 meeting:
   • The first agenda item was the approval of the minutes from the November 22, 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](http://www.wcu.edu/10946.asp)).

2. Anthropology AA5 Discussion:
   • The committee reviewed an AA5 form concerning ANTH 414. Dr. Coyle’s request is to have the prerequisites for ANTH 414 removed. There was some discussion about how this course is cross listed with a Sociology course and the Sociology course does not have any prerequisites so there will be no issue removing the prerequisites from the Sociology course since none exist. The committee voted to approve the AA5.

3. MUS 302 AA5 Discussion:
   • Dr. Peebles submitted an AA5 proposing a new course called MUS 302 – History of Rock Music. The committee reviewed the supplied documentation and then voted to approve the course.

4. CC Update:
   • Brent spoke about some of the background of the CC flag (Composition Correction) and the actual issue as of today. He says that there needs to be an AA6 submitted to create a prerequisite for ENGL 101 where a C or better is needed for ENGL 202. It appears that students are not being informed that they received a CC in a course until well after the fact. Brent says one issue with the CC designation is that it has no connection to writing so they don’t know what the issue was that caused the issue of the CC. There is no documentation that helps the English department address the problem.

5. Liberal Studies Section & Seat Comparison:
• The committee reviewed a document from Carol showing a snapshot in terms of where we are in the building of courses for Summer 2014. The group also reviewed where we ended up for the Spring 2014 semester in terms of overall Liberal Studies Enrollment.

6. Gen Ed Proposal Preliminary Discussion:
• It was discussed that at some point a joint report from this committee and the UCC will be created and sent to the Faculty Senate. The report will be recommendations about the Gen Ed proposal. A motion was made to reject the Gen Ed proposal and that this committee recommend to the Faculty Senate for the proposal to not be approved. The committee was in unanimous consent to reject the Gen Ed proposal. The general consensus of this committee is that a new look at Gen Ed is going to have to take place in light of many new circumstances that now exist. The committee will now wait for feedback from the UCC and see what their discussion and response is to this committee’s proposal. Brent will express this committee’s desire to the UCC.

Time of Meeting Adjournment: 5:00pm