Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
February 7, 2014
University Center, Dogwood Room

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

Members Absent: Martin Tanaka, Michelle Scifers

Guests: Erin McNelis, Erin Tapley

Recorder: Ricky Lanning

1. Approval of minutes from the January 24, 2014 meeting:
   - The first agenda item was the approval of the minutes from the January 24, 2014 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. ART 401 AA5 Discussion:
   - The committee engaged in a discussion concerning the course. Guest Erin Tapley joined the group in a discussion about how the course works as both an undergraduate/graduate course. It was noted by the committee that there is an expectation that the graduate level course to be more rigorous. There was concern about whether or not this committee has the authority to approve a ULP course that will also serve as a graduate course. There was subsequent clarification that this committee can only approve the 402 course and not the graduate level component. The intended audience for this course are students who are not majoring in Art. Art majors can take the course, but it will not count as their ULP. Assessment of an online course (liberal studies) was also part of the discussion. There was a motion to approve the course as long as the course is not cross listed for graduate students. The motion was voted on and approved.

3. Assessment of the Liberal Studies Program:
   - The committee reviewed documents concerning the core requirements and comprehensive standards from SACS-COC related to General Education Spring 2014. They document highlighted the main requirements that we should be aware of. The committee reviewed the off-site review team's judgment of compliance from a previous report. Carol continued to provide the committee with background information of previous site visits. This committee wants to map its strategy for liberal studies
assessment. Core requirement 3.3.1 is especially important. Carol and David Onder have established a faculty group called SLOAP and it is an avenue for this committee to explore rather than creating a new committee concerning liberal studies assessment. This committee needs to think about a plan for the creation of a mechanism to assess the liberal studies program. SACS-COC expects an ongoing plan to be in place. We have to submit a response to the standards by February of 2016.

Time of Meeting Adjournment: 4:40 pm