Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
February 14, 2014
University Center, Dogwood Room

Members Present: Brent Kinser (Chair), Debby Singleton, Elizabeth McRae, Jim DeConinck, Niall Michelsen, Carol Burton, Steve Baxley, Martin Tanaka, Michelle Scifers

Members Absent: Erin Myers, Travis Bennett, Paromita Biswas

Guests: Erin McNelis

Recorder: Ricky Lanning

1. Approval of minutes from the February 7, 2014 meeting:
   - The minutes will be sent to the committee at a later date for approval.

2. UCC’s Response to the Gen Ed Proposal and Our Response to the UCC Response:
   - The Gen Ed Committee recommendation is to work with the ETS to develop our own assessment for those two primary competencies (Critical Thinking & Written Communication). The UNC Board of Governors is meeting next week. The committee discussed some hypothetical scenarios that could come out of the UNC Board of Governors meeting. Brent spoke about what the UCC recommendation letter says. The committee expressed concern over the "flexibility" wording from UCC response, but there was also some support for keeping the sentence because of the potential benefits to programs. There was a suggestion to change the sentence to say, "The proposal lacks sufficient flexibility." There was a motion to ask the UCC to remove the paragraph and replace with new wording and if that is done, then LSC agrees with the UCC letter. The motion was approved and Brent will send changes to UCC.

3. Upcoming Comprehensive Articulation Agreement Meeting:
   - The committee was informed of an upcoming meeting at AB Tech to discuss comprehensive articulation agreements.

4. Excellence in Teaching Liberal Studies Award Update:
   - There are 27 nominees for the Excellence in Teaching Liberal Studies Award. That committee will be meeting soon to narrow down the finalists.

Time of Meeting Adjournment: 4:40pm