Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
March 28, 2014
University Center, Dogwood Room

Members Present: Brent Kinser (chair), Erin Myers, Jim DeConinck, Martin Tanaka, Michelle Scifers, Niall Michelsen, Paromita Biswas, Carol Burton, Steve Baxley, Katy Ginanni

Members Absent: Elizabeth McRae, Travis Bennett

Guests: Erin McNelis

Recorder: Ricky Lanning

1. Approval of minutes from the February 7, 2014 and February 14, 2014 meeting:
   • The minutes from the February 7, 2014 meeting were reviewed and approved by the committee. The minutes from the February 14, 2014 meeting were reviewed and discussed at length, particularly section two concerning the committee’s response to the UCC’s response to the general education proposal. A motion to approve the minutes as written was made and the vote was two in favor, two against, and three abstaining from the vote.

2. Joint UCC/LSC report update:
   • It was noted that the general education proposal is no longer in play. Carol informed the committee that the Provost has asked for a Council of Deans agenda item to discuss liberal studies. The Provost wants to discuss the purpose of liberal studies and then wants to talk about what our liberal studies program should look like. The Provost also wants to talk about the assessment of our liberal studies program. The Provost will be having more discussion with the Faculty Senate and this committee concerning assessment. It was noted that we need to assess the liberal studies program as it currently exists regardless of where we’re going with the program. It must assess the program we currently have for SACS-COC purposes and because it’s beneficial to the university. Predicting our assessment on things that may or may not happen can be detrimental and we want to avoid that. A discussion about our previous assessment of the liberal studies program is needed in order for the new assessment to be effective.

3. Fostering Student Success Memo:
   • The committee next looked at a memo from UNC General Administration. The memo is dated February 10, 2014 and concerns a draft of an amendment to the original Fostering Student Success policy. UNC General Administration is soliciting feedback on the draft reporting framework and asks for feedback to be submitted by April 1, 2014. It was
noted that we’re in good shape on some of the items, but that we’ll need to create mechanisms in order to be in compliance with some of the other requirements.

4. Comprehensive Articulation Agreement Discussion:
   - The committee discussed and reviewed UNC commitments to the agreement. Steve also provided some information/clarification to how the document affects students who transfer to WCU without an AA or AS degree.

Time of Meeting Adjournment: 5:00pm