

Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)

August 20, 2015

ST 424

Members Present: Brent Kinser (Chair), Carol Burton, Elizabeth McRae, Ethan Schilling, Heidi Turlington, Jen Schiff, and Sean June

Members Absent: Baldwin Sanders, Jim Deconinck, Jeanne Dulworth, and Paromita Biswas

Recorder: Deidre Hopkins

Ex-Officio Members/Guests: David Onder, Erin McNelis, and Randa Hodges

1. Introductions around the table.
2. Election of the Chair: Brent asked for volunteers and/or nominations. The members of the committee re-elected Brent Kinser as committee chair by unanimous vote.
3. Update of the LS Assessment:
 - The Team Charge has a calendar of the assessment plan.
 - Currently waiting for a report from the C1 (WRCS) Assessment Team.
 - C4 (Health & Wellness) information was gathered last semester (Spring 2015) and now appointing/identifying people to serve on the C4 Assessment Team.
 1. Libby McRae (LSC rep)
 2. Marv Schade (School of Teaching & Learning)
 3. TBD
 4. TBD
 - This semester we are collecting data for P3 (History), C3 (Communication), and First Year Seminar.
 - With regard to C3, Don Connelly mentioned that the department went through an assessment last semester where they gathered data and wondered if we could use this data for the LSC assessment? They applied it to their own outcomes. If we can use this data in context of LS outcomes, then that would help save a step in the process. David Onder agreed that this was doable. David mentioned that we could get an assessment team together now for the C3 since the data has been collected. Brent will set up a meeting with Don Connelly to discuss further. We will need a volunteer to serve as the LSC rep on the C3 Assessment Committee.
 1. Sean June (LSC Rep)
 2. TBD
 3. TBD
 4. TBD
 - Brent will revise the calendar to reflect that C3 has been pushed forward on the calendar.
4. What lies ahead for LSC this semester:

- Brent has been/will be in touch with Chip Ferguson and Glenda Hensley (FY Seminar) and Mary Ella Engel (History). He will be scheduling time with them to discuss each of their assessments and what it entails, etc.
 - Curriculog is closed right now due to the catalog issues, so nothing to do there.
 1. Libby mentioned that the History Department has revised their entire curriculum.
 - Brent worked during the summer on the Liberal Studies Document and moving it into a position to where we can have a discussion about the revisions/changes we want to make.
 - Also, wants to discuss some other proposals that represent a conceptual shift in programs. Brent has a document that he will send out to the committee so that we can discuss further at next week's meeting. It has to do with how we draw connections between our LS courses and major experiences.
5. Carol Burton had some information she would like to share with the committee Meeting Pattern Distribution of Courses by College – Liberal Studies only. (Copy of this information is in the meeting folder on the share drive.) *Disclaimer: Course Distribution is left for colleges to manage, so looking at the information can be a little misleading.*
- Our role as a committee is to monitor how we can use this program. In order to create schedules for incoming freshman, plus transfers and ongoing students, we need to be able to know what we're dealing with.
 - If you need assistance with running reports by department, program, etc for enrollment, etc. This information along with recommendations from this committee can help the scheduling of liberal studies courses.

Time of Meeting Adjournment: 4:32pm