

**LIBERAL STUDIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**  
**MARCH 5, 2001**

**Members Present:** Fred Hinson, Dana Edge, Nory Prochaska, Will Peebles, Debra Burke, John Habel, Don Livingston (for Robert Vartabedian), Gary Smith.

**Members Absent:** Scott Philyaw, Elizabeth Addison.

**Guests:** Pam Degraffenreid, Billy Norton, Phil Kneller, Reagan McLaurin, Barbara Bell, student

Fred Hinson called the meeting to order. Members of the Bookstore Advisory Committee joined the meeting of the LSOC today to discuss the request for an exception to the Book Rental Policy for Freshman Seminar.

Members of the Bookstore Advisory Committee joined the meeting of the LSOC today to discuss our request for an exception to the Book Rental Policy. Our exception would allow faculty teaching Freshman Seminars to 1) order different texts for seminars in which several different topics are offered under a single umbrella course number and 2) order different texts from year to year. The purpose of these requests was to give faculty teaching Freshman Seminars more flexibility to develop and teach innovative courses.

The Bookstore Advisory Committee declined the Liberal Studies Oversight Committee's request for these exceptions on the grounds that they would have a negative financial impact on the book rental system. This action has the following consequences for faculty teaching freshman seminars:

- 1) Faculty teaching Freshman Seminars with the same course prefix and number may either a) adopt a uniform rental text for all sections and request supplemental texts for their specific sections or b) do without book rental and request only supplementary texts to be purchased by the students.
  
- 2) Faculty who wish to change texts from year to year (not allowed by the bookstore's 2-year rental policy) may not use book rental, but may request supplementary texts to be purchased.

The minutes of February 19<sup>th</sup> were approved.

Advising Workshops for the Colleges were discussed next.

The schedule is as follows:

College of Business: March 7, 2001, **12:00-1:00 p.m.**, 329 Forsyth  
College of Applied Sciences: March 7, 2001, 2:00-3:00 p.m., 323 Belk  
College of Education and Allied Professions: March 7, 2001, 3:00-4:00 p.m., 104 Killian  
College of Arts and Sciences: March 2, 2001, 3:00-4:00 p.m., 244 Stillwell  
College of Arts and Sciences: March 9, 2001, 3:00-4:00 p.m., 244 Stillwell

Debra Burke will conduct the workshop for College Business; Gary Smith, College of Applied Science; John Habel, College of Education and Allied Professions; and Nory Prochaska and Scott Philyaw, College of Arts and Sciences.

A copy of the Repeat Policy for Freshman Seminars that was revised and approved by the Council on Instruction and Curriculum was discussed. Members of the Committee did not have any concerns with the revisions suggested by the Council. Members were encouraged to attend the Faculty Senate meeting on Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 p.m., Killian 104, when it will be discussed.

Fred Hinson updated the Committee on the Learning Communities for Fall 2001.

The following course proposals were reviewed:

- ECON-231: A revised syllabus along with the course proposal was discussed. Then the course was approved for inclusion as a Liberal Studies course.
- REL-220: The Department of Philosophy and Religion requested that this course be moved from P4 - Humanities to P6 - World Cultures. The course proposal was tabled until a course syllabus is submitted.

The next meeting will be on Monday, March 19, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. in the Rogers Room of the University Center.

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Buchanan