

Liberal Studies Oversight Committee
Minutes of April 16, 2001 Meeting

Present: Fred Hinson, Don Livingston (for Bob Vartabedian), Elizabeth Addison, Scott Philyaw, Will Peebles, Nory Prochaska, John Habel, Gary Smith, Dana Edge, Debra Burke, with guests Davia Allen and Sandra Grunwell.

Visiting the committee to discuss their course proposals were Davia Allen and Sandra Grunwell. Davia Allen spoke first about FS 264: Survey of Human Development, proposed as a Social Sciences Perspective course. Previously this course has been numbered 364; it is a broad overview of human development in a survey that emphasizes application. Sandra Grunwell then spoke about HT 230: Tourism Fundamentals, a new proposed cross-disciplinary course, also in the Social Sciences Perspective. Neither course was approved as presently conceived, but John Habel and Elizabeth Addison agreed to discuss the committee's concerns with the proposers if requested.

Dr. Hinson announced that the proposal for BA 204: Oral Communication had been withdrawn after his discussion with LeVon Wilson.

The minutes for April 9 were approved.

Dr. Hinson reminded the committee that the next session for faculty teaching Freshman Seminar was Friday 12:30-2:30 p.m.

With AFE in mind, Dr. Hinson will see that departments and colleges have an understanding of the demands of this committee.

A letter to solicit nominations for membership on the LSOC was modified slightly and approved for distribution to all faculty. This committee will receive the names of nominees and create a list of about 6 to be recommended to the Vice-Chancellor for the three vacancies. The Academic Affairs Office will make the final selection. Once again, the committee stressed that advocacy for Liberal Studies is and needs to remain independent of college affiliation.

A lunch with the Chancellor was briefly discussed.

The committee approved a survey to determine interest and need for training in adding a service learning element for fall courses. Dr. Caruso's division has been working on a database of community service opportunities that teachers may use.

Nory Prochaska is still working on scheduling a makeup for those who missed the advising workshop.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Addison