

## **LIBERAL STUDIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

### **SEPTEMBER 24, 2001**

**Members Present:** Fred Hinson, Millie Abel, Debra Burke, Mark Couture, Dana Edge, Kathy Hosig, Don Livingston, Will Peebles, Scott Philyaw, Gayle Miller, Susan Smith (guest), Carol Mellen (guest).

Fred Hinson called the meeting to order. Susan Smith and Carol Mellen met with the Committee to discuss the Advising/Registration process for Fall 2001 as related to the Liberal Studies Program.

Susan Smith and Carol Mellen made several suggestions about the Freshman Seminar courses paired with another liberal studies course, housing of students in paired courses, and academic learning communities:

(1) For the most part, students seem to enjoy their Freshman Seminar. Some Freshman Seminars have too much lecturing and are not using the seminar format as they were designed. Additionally, Freshman Seminars should not be taught in a three hour block. They should meet at least twice a week.

(2) Some of the paired courses are not working well. The housing component of the paired courses limited students in choosing their Freshman Seminar and Resident Hall. The Advising Center recommends that the Freshman Seminar not be paired with another course and that the housing arrangement associated with the paired courses be dropped. Freshman should be allowed more choices and should not have limitations as far as having to register paired courses and the housing choice associated with these.

(3) Some students have advance placement credit for some liberal studies courses (such English, History, Political Science, Sciences) and therefore could not register for some of the courses paired with the Freshman Seminar.

(4) Although The Advising Center encouraged new students to use web descriptions for the Freshman Seminar, they found that most students did not use these. Therefore, this year hard copies of course descriptions of Freshman Seminars will be mailed to new students.

Any suggested revisions to the minutes of our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting should be e-mailed to Pamela Buchanan by Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Fred Hinson reminded the Committee that we need to begin planning for Advisement Workshops in October prior to Advising and Pre-Registration.

The Committee also needs to draft a letter to all Department Heads requesting Liberal Studies Course Syllabi.

The next meeting will be Friday, October 5, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. in 510 HFR.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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