

LIBERAL STUDIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE NOVEMBER 12, 2001

Members Present: Millie Abel, Debra Burke, Mark Couture, Dana Edge, Fred Hinson, Kathy Hosig, Don Livingston, Gayle Miller, Scott Philyaw, Debra Randleman (guest).

Members Absent: Will Peebles

Fred Hinson called the meeting to order. Debra Randleman presented to the Committee a summary of the discussions at the Freshman Seminar Luncheons. She discussed the successes and concerns. Some of the successes were that faculty are willing to try new strategies, encourage students to take more responsibility for their own learning and practice new ways to communicate effectively with students. Among the concerns were the three-hour block classes; paired courses limiting student choices; rooms not conducive for seminar discussions or group work and no planning time for instructors teaching paired courses.

The minutes of November 5, 2001 were approved.

The following courses were discussed and reviewed:

- SOCW-402: Course title change was approved. The old title was Diversity in Social Work and the new one is Diversity in Contemporary Society.

Millie Abel provided an update on the Liberal Studies Upper-Level Perspectives Contract. This contract was approved as revised.

Fred Hinson updated the Committee on the collection of syllabi for all Liberal Studies Courses. The majority of these have been submitted.

The letter which Will Peebles developed to invite faculty teaching a LS Course to meet with the LSOC was discussed and approved. Fred Hinson suggested that the LSOC should begin these invitations for Spring 2002 semester after the faculty have had the opportunity to teach the course for one semester.

Fred Hinson shared several items with the Committee. IET-498 course proposal has been withdrawn. FS-364 has also been withdrawn. MUS-103 has been returned to the Music Department. SOCW-151 was returned to the department and was later withdrawn. BA-204 course proposal was returned to the department; the prefix has since been changed to CIS. This course can only be used for General Education and NOT Liberal Studies. AST-102 is the only course proposal that is currently outstanding and Fred Hinson will be discussing this with the course proposer. Scott Philyaw will discuss and work with the course proposer for Cherokee 101.

Fred Hinson distributed copies of a request from Education and Allied Professions related to "double-dipping". The LSOC should review this information and be prepared to discuss it at our next meeting on November 30th.

Freshman Seminar attendance was discussed next. Millie Abel suggested that if instructors had a listing of each student's advisor, they could make contact directly with the advisor in order to reach the student.

Gayle Miller, Scott Philyaw and Will Peebles will continue to work on a memo to recruit Freshman Seminars for Fall 2002 and present a draft to the LSOC at the next meeting on November 30th.

The status and type of Learning Communities for Fall 2002 will be discussed by the LSOC soon.

Assessment of the Liberal Studies Program will be discussed at our next meeting.

The next LSOC meeting will be on Friday, November 30, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. in 510 HFR.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Buchanan