

Liberal Studies Oversight Committee Minutes

Date & Time: Friday, September 26, 2003, 3:00

Attending: Marsha Lee Baker, Debra Burke, Jim Costa, Mark Couture, Fred Hinson (chair), Don Livingston, Jennifer Barnhart

1. Approval of the minutes

- The minutes from the September 15th meeting were unanimously approved.

2. Review of the revised liberal studies document

- The Natural and Biological Sciences requirement (C5) should be reworded to make it clear that 300- and 400-level science courses can fulfill the requirement. Possible revisions would add the statement “any two non-Liberal Studies courses with a lab component” to item 3, or add an item 4: “Satisfied if student passes any two higher-level science courses.”
- This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

3. Engineering Technology

- In order to meet accreditation standards, Construction Management students should take specific courses to satisfy certain liberal studies requirements.
- Is it acceptable to include a statement about “Liberal Studies courses that should be taken with the major,” so should this statement be worded differently?
- This item will be discussed further at the next meeting.

4. AGLS National Award

- John Habel has won one of two national awards given by AGLS for his role in teaching and developing our liberal studies curriculum.

5. First Year Seminars

- This semester’s First Year Seminars have been receiving positive feedback.
- Information about the number of students who withdrew from first year seminar courses will be distributed once the withdrawal deadline has passed.
- If the First Year Seminar is waived for students having 15.1 or more semester hours, they may choose to take these three semester credit hours in the core or any Perspective category.

6. Perspective Categories

- All students must have 18 hours of Liberal Studies Perspective courses in order to graduate.
- When a Perspective course meets a student’s major requirement, the credit hours for that course will not be counted toward the 18 hours of Liberal Studies Perspectives required of every student, although the perspective category requirement met by the course will be satisfied. In this case, the student must take an additional elective Liberal Studies course in any Perspective category outside the major.

7. Assessment Committee for Liberal Studies

- Terry Kinnear is chairing the Assessment Committee for Liberal Studies. There is no update from the committee at this time.

8. General Education vs. Liberal Studies

- September 8 was the final day for students to choose between Liberal Studies and General Education requirements. From this point forward, all students who have been out of school for twelve months or more will be required to take the Liberal Studies sequence, even if they were previously under the General Education curriculum.

9. Questions about the revised liberal studies document

- Advising Center questions about the revised liberal studies document will be addressed at the next meeting.

10. Political Science 108

- PSC 108 is a Social Sciences perspective (P1); it is being proposed that the course be changed and moved into the World Cultures category (P6).