

Liberal Studies Oversight Committee

October 31, 2003, 3:00

Minutes

Attending: Millie Abel, Marsha Lee Baker, Debra Burke, Jim Costa, Mark Couture
Kathy Hosig, Jim McLachlan, Charles Wallis (acting chair), Jennifer Barnhart
Absent: Fred Hinson, Don Livingston, Richard Starnes

1. Proposal for Philosophy for Philosophy and Religion- Jim McLachlan

- The Philosophy and Religion Department is considering consolidating its offerings into a single course prefix. Because the department has been divided into two disciplines (with separate course prefixes), it has been able to offer courses in four liberal studies perspectives. The department is requesting an exemption from the policy limiting a discipline to two liberal studies perspectives; despite the single course prefix, the Philosophy and Religion Department will still house two distinct disciplines.
- The committee voted unanimously to approve the Philosophy and Religion Department's request for an exemption. The department will be able to keep courses in four liberal studies categories.
- The committee agreed that this is a unique situation, and that an exemption would not be granted in the case of a department that wished to expand the number of liberal studies categories in which they taught.

2. Approval of the minutes

- The minutes from the October 27th were approved, with the following changes:
 - Section 1: The final sentence concerning Item 7, point 9 should read "A statement about credit by examination and liberal studies requirements will be drafted and reviewed."
 - Section 2, point 1: References to specific committee members were removed. The first sentence of this section should read "Several editorial changes were suggested."
 - Section 2, point 2: References to specific committee members were removed. The first sentence of this section should read "A letter will be drafted and sent to Deans and Department Heads about making existing courses into Upper Level Perspectives courses."

3. Letters to recruit new Upper Level Perspective courses.

- Letter to Deans and Department Heads: Several suggestions were made; these will be incorporated into the next draft of the letter.
- Letter to faculty who have created First Year Seminars: Revisions were suggested at the previous meeting, but they have not been distributed to the committee. No action was taken.

4. Credit by Examination Statement

- The revised credit by examination statement will be placed in the liberal studies document and the catalog
- A statement instructing advisors to refer to the catalog for a full explanation of the policy will be added to the checksheet.

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