LIBERAL STUDIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
APRIL 4, 2000

Members Present: Fred Hinson, Will Peebles, John Habel, Scott Philyaw, Dana Edge, Nory Prochaska, Debra Burke, Elizabeth Addison, Robert Vartabedian, Richard Collings (guest), Ken Foshee (guest).

Members Absent: Gary Smith

Fred Hinson called the meeting to order at 12:40 p.m. The minutes of the March 23rd meeting were approved after adding Will Peebles to the list of members present. Dana Edge will be distributing the draft copy of the minutes from the March 28th meeting. There was a discussion regarding the April 11th Liberal Studies University Forum, which will deal with the development of course proposals. The next meeting of the Committee will be devoted to preparation for the Forum.

Ken Foshee discussed the course numbering process with regard to Freshman Seminars. Presently the Freshman Seminar courses will have course numbers in the 190-199 range (i.e. ENGL-190, ENGL-191, etc.) which would allow for ten Freshman Seminars per department. Ken also suggested course numbers used for General Education courses will be used for new Liberal Studies courses where possible. This will make things in the transition from the General Education Program to the Liberal Studies.

Fred Hinson stated the Textbook Rental Policy for Fall 2000 will not be changed. Richard Collings suggested that WCU could research the Book Rental Policies of other institutions. The Book Rental System could have an impact on the creativity of faculty in developing new Liberal Studies courses and especially the Freshman Seminar.

The next meeting will be on April 6, 2000 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Rogers Room of the University Center.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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