Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee  
April 25, 2005

Members Present:  Debra Burke, Brian Dinklemeyer, Jeanne Kauffman (substitute chair), Beth Tyson Lofquist, Peter Nieckarz, Christine Stevens, Charles Wallis.
Also Attending: Terri Michalsen, Carol Mellen

I. Approval of the minutes from the April 11 meeting.

A. Editorial revisions of the minutes were suggested.
B. Committee voted to approve the minutes as amended.

II. Committee Discussion of Course Proposals

The Committee considered the following proposals

A. SOC414/ANTH 414 Minority Groups. Approved with deletion of the restriction on minors taking the course.
C. PAR 323 Mysticism and the Modern Mind. Approved. It was agreed that the committee should verify the category of courses being offered by PAR since the disciplines had previously offered separate courses.
D. JPN 190 An Introduction to Japanese Popular Culture. Approved. The committee discussed the issue of what could be done, if anything, if texts were to be used in the course, which were unavailable at Hunter.
E. PAR 334/BIOL 334 Biotechnology and Society. Approved with the caveat that cross listed courses be noted as such in parentheses.
F. HSCC 210 Global Disparities in Public Health. Approved pending submission of outside reading assignments and the name of the text.

III. Revisions to Program for Future Consideration

Dr. Lofquist suggested that the committee at a future date discuss possible revisions to the program such as

A. Waiving First Year Seminar without the requirement that the hours be made up in other LS Courses;
B. Allowing double-dipping in courses required for major without requiring students to make up the hours elsewhere in the program, except for Upper Level Perspectives;
C. Clarifying whether or not Upper Level Perspective courses, which are required for the major, can count as Liberal Studies credit if another course in the major is taken.

IV. Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Submitted by Debra D. Burke, April 26, 2005