

Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee

March 21, 2005

Members Present: Richard Starnes (Chair), Brian Dinklemeyer, Jeanne Kauffman, Peter Nieckarz, Christine Stevens, Beth Tyson-Lofquist, Charles Wallis. **Others Present:** Carol Mellen, Terri Michelsen.

I. Approval of the minutes from the March 7th meeting.

II. Liberal Studies Course Proposals

A. History- HIST 312

History 312 was voted on and accepted for approval by the Liberal Studies Committee pending revisions to the syllabus.

B. Music- MUS 303

Music 303 was voted on and accepted for approval by the Liberal Studies Committee.

C. Natural Resources Management- NRM 311

- During discussion of the proposal the committee members expressed concerns about the appropriateness of the course for a P1. Committee had some concerns regarding some vagueness in the proposed syllabus.
- Committee will contact John DiBari about its concerns and invite to a future Liberal Studies Committee meeting.
- The proposal was tabled until the committee could learn more specific information from john DiBari.

III. Committee Discussion of the Liberal Studies Assessment

A. Committee member suggested that it would be good to solicit the perspective of the students through surveys.

- Committee member suggested checking to see how other schools have gone about Liberal Studies Assessment.
- Committee suggested that any data collections and survey design could possibly be aided by the Center for Regional Development.

- Committee member suggested that these surveys could be administered in the upper-level perspectives courses.
- It was suggested that surveys could be administered online.
- Questioned were raised about the types of questions to ask the students, whether they should be about teaching styles of the LS program itself.

B. Faculty Assessment

It was also suggested that a faculty assessment component be included in the overall assessment getting thoughts of the faculty on the liberal studies program.

IV. Future Meetings

The meeting schedule for April 4th is cancelled unless committee has new proposals to act on.

V. Meeting Adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Submitted by Peter P. Nieckarz, Jr. on April 4, 2004