Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
December 9, 2011
University Center, Dogwood Room

Members Present: Alexander Macaulay (Chair), Carol Burton, Shannon Thompson, Steve Baxley, Erin Myers, Baldwin Sanders, Michelle Scifers, Lorrie Willey, Beth Jones, Debby Singleton, Susan Metcalf, Jane Eastman, Brent Kinser

Members Absent: Peter Tay

Guests: None

Recorder: Ricky Lanning

1. Approval of minutes from the November 18, 2011 meeting:
    - The first agenda item was the approval of the minutes from the November 18, 2011 LSC meeting. Alex brought the minutes from the meeting before the committee and they were subsequently approved. The minutes are now available on the LSC website for viewing. (http://www.wcu.edu/10946.asp).

2. Discussion of ULP issues from last meeting:
    - Alex informed the committee that an appeal had been made to allow a student who changes majors to have a ULP in their major count as long as it not a required course for the student's major. The committee reaffirmed the ULP decision that was made during the November 18, 2011 meeting and a motion was made to allow Carol and Steve to make exemptions on a case-by-case basis dealing with students who change their major. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

    - Carol provided the group with an update on enrollment for Spring 2012 ULPs.

3. HEAL 111 AA-5 Discussion:
    - Committee member Debby Singleton explained the reasoning behind the change to the course description. Mainly students have complained that they were not aware that physical activity would be a part of the course. The committee approved the course description change unanimously on the condition that Liberal Studies Outcomes would be inserted into the syllabus.

4. Excellence in Teaching Liberal Studies Award
    - Carol provided an intro to the award and how the process for selecting a winner works. Committee member Debby Singleton volunteered to chair the Excellence in Teaching Liberal Studies Award Committee.

5. Old/New Business
    - Quick update on Gen Ed Task Force from Brent
    - Carol spoke about her visit to Orlando for the SACS conference

Time of Meeting Adjournment: 2:10