

Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
February 24, 2012
University Center, Dogwood Room

Members Present: Alexander Macaulay (Chair), Shannon Thompson, Erin Myers, Michelle Scifers, Lorrie Willey, Beth Jones, Debby Singleton, Susan Metcalf, Brent Kinser, Peter Tay, Jane Eastman

Members Absent: Carol Burton, Steve Baxley, Baldwin Sanders

Guests: Grace Allen

Recorder: Ricky Lanning

1. Approval of minutes from the January 27, 2012 meeting:
 - The first agenda item was the approval of the minutes from the January 27, 2012 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 FIN-210 AA-5 (Course Proposal):
 - Grace Allen gave background of the course and justification as to why the course is needed as a liberal studies course. The guest spoke about lack of basic financial literacy that students have. The committee asked questions as to the specific content of the course. The guest informed the committee that issues such as financial planning, retirement issues, etc. would be topics of discussion. The guest informed the committee that the course would not be restricted to business majors only. A motion to approve was made and then approved unanimously by the committee. The committee asked Professor Allen to remove FIN 350 from their list of Liberal Studies course offerings as it has not been taught in several years.
3. Discussion of Honor's College LS Course Replacement Form:
 - Alex brought the committee up to speed concerning the committee's request to add department head signature block to the Honor's College LS Course Replacement form. The Honor's College had requested that a Liberal Studies Committee signature block specify a "designee" on the form. A motion was made asking that the Liberal Studies Committee Chair be indicated as "designee" on the form. The motion passed unanimously by the committee.
4. Old/New Business: Committee member Debby Singleton provided an Excellence in Teaching Liberal Studies Award update. She provided a general timeframe of the group's work. Brent

provided the committee with a quick update from the Gen Ed Taskforce. The taskforce is getting ready to release a summary of their report.

Time of Meeting Adjournment: 2:00pm