

LIBERAL STUDIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
APRIL 9, 2001

Members Present: Fred Hinson, Dana Edge, Nory Prochaska, Will Peebles, Debra Burke, Don Livingston (for Robert Vartabedian), Scott Philyaw, Elizabeth Addison, John Habel, Gary Smith, Debra Randleman (guest), and Ben Ward (guest).

Members Absent:

Fred Hinson called the meeting to order. Ben Ward addressed the group with an update on the Freshman Seminar Faculty Workshop held last Friday, April 6th. There were approximately 16 attendees as well as several members of the LSOC. Fred Hinson will announce the dates of the next workshops to the Council of Deans at their meeting tomorrow (April 10) in hopes to increase participation among the faculty.

The minutes from April 2nd were approved with revisions.

Fred Hinson distributed an updated listing of replacement courses for students who may be repeating courses from the old general education program. This will be distributed to all departments and faculty.

Discussion of the Freshman Survey to be given in the Freshman Seminar Courses followed. There was objection among the Committee members to ask instructors of Freshman Seminars to request students to fill out the UNC-GA Freshman Survey. There were suggestions that perhaps this could be better accomplished by asking students to complete these surveys on-line from their residence hall room or from off-campus. Other suggestions were to incorporate this survey as a part of advising.

Terms of office for LSOC members were discussed next. One-year terms will be filled by: Elizabeth Addison, John Habel and Gary Smith. Two-year terms will be filled by: Debra Burke, Dana Edge and Scott Philyaw. Three-year terms will be filled by: Nory Prochaska, Will Peebles and Don Livingston (as designee of Robert Vartabedian).

Scott Philyaw mentioned some type of recognition system for those members who have and will serve on the LSOC. There were several suggestions, however, the consensus of the Committee was that this would have to be initiated at the departmental level, since that is where the evaluation of the faculty member originates. Fred Hinson suggested that the Deans are the individuals who need to be informed of this issue as it relates to their faculty members who serve on the LSOC.

Fred Hinson updated the Committee on the academic Learning Communities for Fall 2001.

The following course proposals were reviewed:

- HT-230: Questions were raised about this course. The course proposer will be at our next meeting to discuss this proposal.
- FS-264: Questions were raised about this course. The course proposer will be at our next meeting to discuss this proposal.

The next meeting will be on Monday, April 16, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. in the Rogers Room of the University Center.

The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Buchanan