

LIBERAL STUDIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 10, 2001

Members Present: Fred Hinson, Millie Abel, Debra Burke, Mark Couture, Dana Edge, Kathy Hosig, Don Livingston, Will Peebles, Scott Philyaw, Gayle Miller.

Members Absent:

Fred Hinson called the meeting to order by allowing each person to introduce themselves. Discussion of a common meeting time for the LSOC followed. The consensus for the most common meeting time was Friday afternoons from 3-5 p.m.; however, these dates would not be possible until October. In the meantime, the Committee decided to meet on Monday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. (beginning on September 17th). The Friday afternoon meetings will begin in October. A detailed e-mail will be sent to the Committee on Tuesday (9/11) outlining the future meeting dates and times.

Terms of office for the new committee members were discussed. Gayle Miller volunteered to serve a two-year term. Millie Abel, Kathy Hosig and Mark Couture will serve a three-year term each.

Fred Hinson updated the Committee on the status of NRM-140, HIST-171 and HIST-182. These courses will be published in the Schedule of Classes for Spring 2002, pending the course approval process. The Faculty Senate must approve these courses in November in order to remain in the class schedule. If they are not approved, the courses will be canceled and the students will be re-scheduled into other courses.

Fred Hinson updated the Committee that ART-104 is only being taught at night and every section is being taught by part-time faculty. Don Livingston added that this particular problem could be solved "in-house".

Chancellor Bardo wants to change WCU's practice of hiring part-time lecturers and move toward hiring full-time lecturers (on a fixed term basis) to help with the Liberal Studies curriculum. Chancellor Bardo also wants to offer \$1,000.00 to develop and teach a Freshman Seminar in the Liberal Studies Program.

Dr. Hinson presented the item of comparing the course syllabi to the course proposal for each course being taught in the Liberal Studies Program during Fall 2001 and Spring 2002 semesters. Dr. Hinson offered to develop a letter asking for syllabi to review this semester.

The LSOC also needs to develop an Assessment Plan for this year.

Debra Burke made the suggestion to look into Spring 2002 schedules to hopefully arrive at a common meeting time. Immediate suggestions were for Monday and Wednesday afternoons.

The next meeting will be Monday, September 17, 2001 at 3:00 p.m. in the Rogers Room of the University Center.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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