LIBERAL STUDIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
MAY 8, 2002

Members Present: Millie Abel, Debra Burke, Jim Costa, Fred Hinson, Kathy Hosig, Don Livingston, Will Peebles

Members Absent: Scott Philyaw, Mark Couture, Dana Edge

Fred Hinson called the meeting to order. The minutes of the April 12th and April 19th meetings were approved. These will be posted on the Liberal Studies webpage.

Three new faculty members were appointed to the Committee for 3-year terms (2002-2005). They are Charles Wallis, Mathematics; Richard Starnes, History; and Marsha Holmes, English.

Debra Burke proposed editorial changes to the section of the Undergraduate Catalog titled Perspectives Courses and the Major. The Committee discussed and approved these changes. The section should read as follows:

If a particular Liberal Studies Perspectives course is required by a degree program, the Perspectives category requirement met by that course will be satisfied for students in that program; however, credit for that course will not count toward the hours of Liberal Studies Perspectives required of every student. In this situation, the student will take an additional elective Liberal Studies course in any Perspectives category outside of the major. In other words, credit hours will not count for both Liberal Studies Perspectives and for degree program requirements. [Students who elect to complete a minor/second major, which is not required by their degree program, may count credit hours for both Liberal Studies Perspectives and the optional minor/second major.]

NSG-305 Transcultural Health Care was proposed as an Upper-Level Perspectives course in the P6 World Cultures category. The Committee discussed the course proposal but had several concerns about the course. It was decided that Kathy Hosig contact the proposer of the course and discuss the Committee's concerns. She will report back to the Committee in Fall 2002.

EDCI-193 American Society and Popular Music 1954 – Present was proposed as a Freshman Seminar which would fulfill the P5 Fine and Performing Arts category. The Committee discussed the course and had concerns about the course. Will Peebles was chosen to discuss these concerns with the course proposer. He will report back to the Committee in Fall 2002.

Syllabi of several Liberal Studies courses taught in Fall 2001 were discussed. The Committee will continue this discussion at its next meeting.

The next LSOC meeting will be in Fall 2002. Pamela Buchanan will be requesting your schedules before Spring semester ends.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Fred D. Hinson