

**Minutes of the Liberal Studies Oversight Committee
(LSOC)
15 October 2002**

Members Present: Millie Abel, Jim Costa, Fred Hinson (chair), Don Livingston, Will Peebles, Richard Starnes, Christine Stevens (for Kathy Hosig), and Charles Wallis

Members Absent: Mark Couture and Marsha Lee Holmes

Fred Hinson called the meeting to order. The first item for discussion was the item of Advising Workshops for Liberal Studies before advising for Spring Semester begins on October 28, 2002. The proposed dates are Monday, October 21 and Tuesday, October 22. The Committee agreed for Fred Hinson to conduct Advising Workshops on these dates.

The meeting time for the Liberal Studies Oversight Committee for Spring Semester 2003 will be Mondays from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

The minutes of September 24 and October 1 were approved as submitted.

September 17th minutes will be amended regarding a suggestion from the P2 Subcommittee submitted by Charles Wallis. The subcommittee recommended that the sentence in the September 17th minutes "Further discussion clarified that this change would no longer require students to take the sciences in two different areas" will be replaced by "Subsequent discussion at this and next meetings led to clarification of whether this change would no longer require students to take sciences in two different areas". The LSOC approved this change in the September 17 minutes.

The Liberal Studies section in the WCU Record (catalog) was reviewed by the LSOC for editorial changes. No changes were recommended.

Hunter Fink submitted an Upper-Level Course Contract and requested that Sociology 494 Religion and Society be approved as an upper-level perspective course for P1 Social Sciences Perspective Category. After reviewing the course contract and syllabus, the Committee approved her request. Fred Hinson will notify her of the committee's decision.

Charles Wallis provided recommendation from the Physical and Biological Sciences Sub-Committee on moving the Physical and

Biological Sciences from Perspectives to the Core which was to revise the motion that was made and approved on September 17, 2002. The revised motion is:

1. The sciences shall be placed in the Core.
2. The science requirement can be satisfied in any of the following ways:
 - a. Students may take two Liberal Studies science courses in two different disciplines.
 - b. Students may take a Liberal Studies science course plus one non-Liberal Studies 100- or 200-level science course with a laboratory or applied component in a different discipline.
 - c. Students may take two non-Liberal Studies 100- or 200-level science courses with laboratory or applied components in either the same or two different disciplines.
3. Departments may determine which sciences best meet the needs of their students.

The motion was approved by the Committee.

Fred Hinson pointed out that the Freshman Seminar and upper-level perspective courses will have to be reviewed because Freshman Seminars and Upper-Level Perspective courses can fulfill the P2 category of the Liberal Studies Program. Other things that will need to be reviewed will be the Liberal Studies document that was approved on September 16, 1999, and course proposal forms.

The Freshman Seminar will be discussed at the next meeting since all freshman seminars count in one of the perspective categories.

The next LSOC meeting will be on Tuesday, October 22, at 2:00 p.m. in the Rogers Room of the University Center. The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectively Submitted,

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