

**Liberal Studies Oversight Committee
Minutes of November 19 Meeting**

Members present: Millie Abel, Jim Costa, Mark Couture, Fred Hinson (chair), Marsha Lee Holmes, Kathy Hosig, Don Livingston, Richard Starnes, Charles Wallis

Members absent: Will Peebles

Guests: Judy Mallory (nursing) and Glenna Batson (physical therapy); Robert Gabrielsen, Jan Gilbert and Lavonia Andrews (registrar's office)

The meeting commenced at 2:00pm in the Rogers Room of the University Center.

1. Judy Mallory and Glenna Batson addressed concerns that the committee raised at the last meeting regarding NSG 400. Major concerns were student workload and evaluation. The committee suggested that the course prefix be changed from NSG to PT to allow nursing students to take the course as an upper elective, since the course content is not specific to the nursing field. The committee approved the course with changes (prefix change and delete reference to 500-level course).

2. Rob Gabrielson, Jan Gilbert and Lavonia Andrews presented their perspective on how proposed changes regarding the freshman seminar and the P2 category could be handled through the registrar office. The proposed structure of freshman seminar (a versus b) cannot be automated through On-Course (software used by the registrar's office). The proposed structure for items #2 and #3 under the proposed C5 category (formerly P2) cannot be automated through On-Course. Such cases can be handled by waiver/substitution forms completed by academic advisors. Discussion ensued about whether a paper record kept by advisors would be better than automated degree audits until new software (Banner) is instituted. It will be at least several years before the new software is instituted.

Further discussion by the committee determined that the proposed changes will go forward as planned. Technology cannot drive academic decisions. Most cases will fall under the type that can be automated, and academic advisors are capable of dealing with the other types of cases through waiver/substitutions.

3. The minutes of the November 12, 2002 meeting were approved.

4. The wording on the LS Checksheet before it goes to CIC was discussed. Rather than delete the P2 category and renumber the perspectives categories, the P2 category will be listed on the checksheet with "category changed" indicated.

Will Peebles version of the wording for the C5 Physiological and Biological Sciences category was approved by the committee. The wording will appear in the proposed checksheet as follows:

Students may take one of the following combinations of courses to satisfy this requirement:

1. *two* Liberal Studies science courses in two *different* disciplines.
 2. *one* Liberal Studies science course and *one* non-Liberal Studies 100- or 200- level science course with a laboratory or applied component in a *different* discipline.
 3. *two* non-Liberal Studies 100- or 200-level science courses with laboratory or applied components in two *different* disciplines or an *approved sequence* within the same discipline.
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5. NSG 305, Transcultural Healthcare, is tabled for now. One of the faculty members who initiated the proposal has left WCU. RTH 300, Health and Healing - The spirit-mind-body connection, will be revised and resubmitted for the Social Sciences (P1) perspectives category. It is scheduled to be taught in Spring 2004.
 6. There will be no LSOC meeting on 11/26 due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
 7. Fred Hinson will not be available for the 12/03 LSOC meeting. The committee will meet as scheduled. Richard Starnes will chair the meeting. All courses that remain on the list for LSOC action will be discussed (HIST 185, HIST 375, REL 202, REL 322, REL 323, REL 324, MUS 304).

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Hosig