

**Minutes of the Liberal Studies Oversight Committee
(LSOC)
24 February 2003**

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

Members Absent: Will Peebles

The meeting was called to order by Fred Hinson, Chair of the Committee.

The minutes of February 17th meeting were approved with two suggested revisions, a comma placed between Mark Couture and Fred Hinson and respectfully as opposed to respectively.

Fred Hinson announced that the proposal to change the name of the Freshman Seminar to First-Year Seminar and that First-Year Seminar would not fulfill one Perspectives Category Requirement was approved by the Faculty Senate.

The LSOC considered the request of the Communication and Theatre Arts Department to delete the laboratory of CMTA 104, The Theatre Experience course. The Committee voted unanimously to delete the laboratory.

Mark Couture reported that he had addressed the concerns that the Committee had about CMTA 310 Black Theatre Experience with Laurel Vartabedian. The course proposal will be revised addressing the Committee's concerns and questions and be re-submitted.

Fred Hinson and other Committee members will present three Advising Workshops on changes and any other information about the Liberal Studies Program. They are scheduled for Wednesday, March 5, 2003, 3-4 p.m.; Thursday, March 6, 2003, 4-5 p.m.; and Friday, March 7, 2003, 2-3 p.m. in the Catamount Room of the University Center.

The Committee reviewed and discussed the Liberal Studies Checksheet, First-Year Core Proposal Form, First-Year Seminar Proposal Form, and Perspective Course Proposal Form. Several suggestions were made to change certain parts of the Checksheet and

course proposal forms. These changes will be reviewed at the Committee's next meeting.

A motion was made to revise the First-Year Core Course Proposal Form – to delete the phrase “to its majors and” from Question #5 on the form. The motion passed. Another motion that #5 be deleted and #5 a and b become 5 and 6, respectively. The present item #6 would become #7. The motion passed (6-2).

A motion was made to re-number the First Year Seminar Proposal Form – questions from 1 a, b, c, d, e and f to 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, respectively. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made to delete question 6 on the Perspectives Course Proposal Form and re-number 6a to 6, 6b to 7, 7 to 8 and 8 to 9. The motion passed by a vote of six yes, one no, and one abstain.

A motion was made to change questions 8a and 8b on the Perspectives Course Proposal Form by adding the phrase or is “required for your major”. The question would then read: “If this course is to be offered at the upper-level or is required for your major” describe: Questions 8a and 8b remain the same. The motion passed unanimously.

The revised Liberal Studies Program document reflecting the changes in Physical and Biological Sciences and Freshman Seminar were given to the Committee to review before its next meeting. All Committee members, after their review and evaluation, will send their suggestions for changes to Pamela Buchanan before Friday, February 28, 2003.

Learning Communities for 2003 was discussed briefly.

The next LSOC meeting will be on Monday, March 3, 2003 at 3:00 p.m. in the Rogers Room of the University Center.

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Buchanan