

Liberal Studies Oversight Committee

December 5, 2003, 3:00

Minutes

Attending: Millie Abel, Marsha Lee Baker, Susan Bates, Ken Burbank, Debra Burke, Jim Costa, George DeSain, Fred Hinson, Kathy Hosig, Don Livingston, Terry Michelsen, Jennifer Barnhart
Absent: Mark Couture, Richard Starnes, Charles Wallis

1. Approval of Minutes

- The minutes from the November 14th and November 17th meetings were approved, with one minor editorial change.

2. Substitution of ENGR 191 for First-Year Seminar (engineering students only)

- Because engineering requirements leave little room for extra classes, it has been proposed that ENGR 191 fulfill the First-Year Seminar requirement for engineering students.
- The committee decided that ENGR 191 should be reworked to better fit the First-Year Seminar format. The class will be changed from two credit hours to three, and will be reformatted to include more of the elements of a normal First-Year Seminar. The course will only be open to engineering majors.
- The committee also requested that ENGR 192 be renumbered, so that the number does not fall into the block of course numbers reserved for First-Year Seminars.

3. Letters to recruit new Upper Level Perspective courses

- Several typographic errors were corrected in the First-Year Seminar letter and the memo for Upper Level Perspectives courses. Both letters are ready to be distributed.

4. Course proposals

- **PSC 110: course number change (P1)**
This proposal was unanimously approved.
PSC 108, which has already been approved as a liberal studies course, is being renumbered as PSC 110- Global Issues.
- **HIST 181: resubmission of request for a new liberal studies course (P4)**
This proposal was unanimously approved, pending the removal of typographic errors in the proposal.
- **PSY 150: course description change (P1)**
This proposal was unanimously approved.
The new course description reads: "Introduction to psychology, the scientific study of behavior and mental processes. Includes topics in social, abnormal, health, clinical, developmental, biological, and experimental psychology."

- **GEOG 440: request for a new liberal studies course (P6)**

This proposal was unanimously approved, pending a change in the course title. The current course title, “Topics in Regional Geography,” should be changed to “Regional Geography.” The geographic region studied will be specified in the catalog and on students’ transcripts.

This course is repeatable, but only three hours will count toward the liberal studies requirement.

- **PSC 415: request for a new liberal studies course (P6)**

This proposal was unanimously approved, pending a change in the course’s numbering and removal of references to crosslisting.

The course is currently crosslisted as a graduate course. Because liberal studies courses may not be crosslisted as graduate courses, the course will be renumbered as an exclusively undergraduate course offering. Graduate credit in this subject area can be provided through independent studies.

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