

LIBERAL STUDIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

JANUARY 18, 2000

Members Present: Fred Hinson, Nory Prochaska, Scott Philyaw, Debra Burke, John Habel, Dana Edge, Will Peebles, Elizabeth Addison.

Members Absent: Gary Smith, Robert Vartabedian.

Fred Hinson called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. by distributing a draft copy of the minutes and the Liberal Studies Program Outline for Students and Advisors from the January 13th meeting, which will be approved and finalized at the next meeting on Thursday, January 20th. After discussion and unanimous nominations, Nory Prochaska was appointed to serve as Vice Chair of the Oversight Committee in the absence of Fred Hinson.

Course development criteria for Perspectives Categories was discussed. Scott Philyaw suggested a somewhat "abbreviated" course submission procedure for those existing courses that may be proposed by departments for the Liberal Studies Program. Fred Hinson explained the criteria for a Liberal Studies course is entirely different from those for a general education course. Nory Prochaska suggested presenting a proposal to the Faculty Senate to change all General Education courses to elective courses at the time that the General Education program becomes obsolete. This would be a "blanket" curriculum change that would free each department from having to do paperwork to change the status of their (former) General Education courses, unless they want to ask for some other change to the status of their courses (i.e., deletion, approval in the Liberal Studies program, etc.) Fred Hinson will provide copies of an example AA-5 that has been completed to change a general education course to a general elective course.

Will Peebles and Elizabeth Addison agreed to work on the content criteria that Perspectives Courses must have to be approved for the Liberal Studies Program.

The next meeting will be on January 20, 2000 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Rogers Room of the University Center.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Buchanan