

LIBERAL STUDIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE JANUARY 20, 2000

Members Present: Fred Hinson, Nory Prochaska, John Habel, Dana Edge, Will Peebles, Elizabeth Addison, Gary Smith, Robert Vartabedian, Scott Philyaw

Members Absent: Debra Burke

Fred Hinson called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. by making some brief announcements. Fred Hinson presented a short overview of the Liberal Studies Oversight Committee's work thus far at the Faculty Senate meeting on January 19th. A date for submission of course proposals for new Liberal Studies courses will be announced as soon as it is determined (perhaps by the first of March). The meetings for the remainder of the semester will be from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Rogers Room of the University Center, unless schedule conflicts arise. The web page for the Liberal Studies program is available at www.wcu.edu/liberalstudies and now contains the minutes from the first five meetings thus far. The minutes of January 13th were presented for approval. Nory Prochaska, seconded by Scott Philyaw, made a motion; vote was unanimous to accept the minutes. A motion was made by Will Peebles and seconded by Scott Philyaw to accept The Outline for Students and Advisors as a working document in its current form (last revisions were made at the January 13th meeting).

Nory Prochaska addressed the meeting on the Learning Goals of the Liberal Studies Courses.

Will Peebles presented and reviewed a draft of the "Liberal Studies Course Proposal: Perspectives Area Course" proposal form which he and Elizabeth Addison were assigned to draft at our last meeting on January 18th. After lengthy discussion, Elizabeth Addison proposed changing item #5 on this draft form to obtain a clearer response from departments who are completing the form. Elizabeth Addison will make more changes to this form and add a preface, then e-mail her suggestion(s) to Pamela Buchanan, who in turn will distribute it on to the other members of the Oversight Committee.

The next meeting will be on January 25, 2000 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Rogers Room of the University Center.

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Buchanan