

## LIBERAL STUDIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

JANUARY 27, 2000

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

Fred Hinson called the meeting to order at 12:38 p.m. Pam Buchanan is ill, so Fred Hinson asked Nory Prochaska to keep the minutes. A rough draft of the minutes of the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting were distributed, and members were asked to look over the draft and send any corrections to Fred and Pam before the next meeting. Fred is hopeful that the minutes of the 1/25 and today's meeting will be ready for consideration at the next meeting.

Most of the meeting was a discussion of the Perspectives Course Proposal form, based on a draft that Elizabeth had prepared, which combines some suggestions from Nory with Elizabeth's last draft. Extensive changes were made in the first paragraph, and wording changes were made throughout the document. Changes in the first paragraph were intended to make clear to proposers that the committee will consider proposals with regard to how courses fit into the overall objectives of the program (promoting a love of learning, fitting into the Fundamental Principles, and meeting the learning goals of the program), but it is not necessary for each proposal to address these objectives directly. The committee's perspective on the whole program will be necessary to evaluate how a proposal fits these overall objectives. The first paragraph should try to make this clear, and invite proposers to visit the program documents to see what these objectives entail. It was suggested to include specific locations in the program documents, and perhaps Web addresses of relevant documents or document parts in the course proposal document. Further revisions to the course proposal document were mostly wordings of individual questions.

For the next meeting, the committee should review the minutes of Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, and further minutes if they are available before the next meeting. Will distributed a draft of a core course proposal, but wishes to revise it in light of the changes to the perspectives course proposal that were discussed today. Nory will prepare a new perspectives course proposal draft based on today's discussion and distribute it by email to the committee for further consideration at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, at 12:30 in the Rogers Room of the UC.

Respectfully submitted,

Nory Prochaska, acting recording secretary