

LIBERAL STUDIES OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 1, 2000

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

Members Absent: Gary Smith

Fred Hinson called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m. by distributing draft copies of the minutes from the January 20, 25, and 27th meetings. Scott Philyaw motioned, Will Peebles seconded, to approve the minutes of these three meetings with a few minor revisions as discussed; the vote was unanimous.

Fred Hinson suggested that the Liberal Studies Perspectives Course Proposal form, if finalized at today's meeting, would be shared with Charles Wallis, Chair of the Arts and Sciences College General Education Committee. The Arts & Sciences General Education Committee could review, evaluate, and provide feedback to the Oversight Committee. The Oversight Committee agreed for Fred Hinson to meet with Charles Wallis.

Discussion moved to the Liberal Studies Perspectives Course Proposal form. There were several minor suggested changes made by the Committee. John Habel discussed the results of his presentation of this form to his department (Psychology). John suggested removing Item #5 from this form. Elizabeth Addison discussed the English Department's view regarding this form. The English faculty seemed to have some concerns about Item #7; one concern is that there are numerous part-time faculty members in the English Department, which makes it rather difficult to accurately answer Part A of Item #7. Robert Vartabedian seconded Elizabeth Addison's recommendation to delete the word "all" from Part A of Item #7. Nory Prochaska suggested moving Part D to become Item #7; this was seconded unanimously by the Committee. Removal of "all" from Part A was the consensus of the Committee as well. Will Peebles suggested changing "qualified and committed to teach this course" to "qualified to teach this course" in Part A as well; this was approved unanimously by the Committee. The Committee's consensus was to remove Item #5 and make the last item (the new Item #7) an optional question. Elizabeth Addison made a suggested revision in the phrasing of Item #7 to read: "Optional: Provide any additional information that shows how this course particularly addresses the overall objectives of the Liberal Studies Program". Elizabeth Addison moved that the form be accepted as revised today; this motion was seconded by Robert Vartabedian and passed unanimously by the Committee. Links to references to the Liberal Studies document will be inserted in numerous key positions in this form to make it more "user friendly." Nory Prochaska will make the suggested revisions to this form and distribute it to the Committee prior to Thursday's meeting. A motion was made by Elizabeth Addison, seconded by Will Peebles, for the Committee to accept this form with said revisions; the vote was unanimous.

Will Peebles presented a draft of the "Liberal Studies Core Course Proposal" form, which is based on the form for a Perspectives Course as approved by the Committee. Item #4 was

suggested to be re-numbered as #6 and made an optional question. Elizabeth Addison made a motion to accept the form, seconded by Scott Philyaw; there was some discussion of the document. The vote of the Committee was unanimous to accept the Core Course Proposal form.

Fred Hinson asked John Habel to work on a draft form for Freshman Seminar Courses for Thursday's meeting.

The next meeting will be on February 3, 2000 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the Rogers Room of the University Center.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela Buchanan