

Liberal Studies Oversight Committee
Minutes
3-28-06

Members Present: Charles Wallis, Brent Kinser, Tracy Zontek, Terry Michelsen, Peter Nieckarz, Brian Dinklemeyer, Robert Anderson, Will Poynter, Beth Tyson-Lofquist and Kari Hensley

Minutes Approved from 3-21-06

An invitation will be extended to Brad Sims to attend next week's meeting, when the committee will discuss the potential need for the Construction Management Dept. to designate ECON231 as a required Liberal Studies course, if the Construction Management Dept. is to move to the College of Business.

The committee approved the AA-5 to delete SOC 420 as a Liberal Studies perspective course, effective spring 2007. Charles agreed to notify Terry Gibson of the approval, as well as the effective date (which had been left blank on the AA-5).

Discussion took place about committee members and Will Poynter agreed to serve for a 3-year term.

Faculty Work Groups for Assessment - Beth has been approved for the funding of 6 people (\$750 each), who will work in two teams of three people each. The money will come out of this year's fiscal budget. Faculty selected to participate in an assessment team (work group) should be 80% or full-time faculty. It was suggested that nominees for the LS teaching award would make good candidates. The committee discussed some potential candidates, who will be contacted.

What items will be reviewed by the Assessment Work Groups:

English

Portfolios
Syllabi
Director report
Survey results

Wellness

Work samples
Survey Results
Syllabi

Discussion of the 5-Year Assessment Plan proposed by Melissa Wargo.
Suggestive changes on page 5:

Paragraph is needed to discuss the reflection year, including student focus-group discussions

Revisions needed on Page 6:

“Curricular Portfolio Review”- overall review of samples

Faculty Work Groups- will provide feedback of the assessment process

TO DO LIST:

1st Year Seminar

Faculty Forum at the start of next year to share the rationale behind the committee’s proposals

Beth will research how many F’s and W’s were in FYS last fall.

Review McCord proposals for a discussion next week.