

Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
January 24, 2011
University Center, Cardinal Room

Members Present: Alexander Macaulay (Chair), Brent Kinser, Carol Burton, Gayle Wells, Robert Mulligan, Shannon Thompson, Steve Baxley, Tracy Zontek, Anna Craft, Peter Tay

Members Absent: None

Guest: Larry Hammer of the Registrar's Office

Recorder: Ricky Lanning

1. Introduction of new members
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by Alex. The first agenda item was the introduction of a new member of the committee. Peter Tay was then introduced as a new member of the committee. Dr. Tay is a member of the Engineering and Technology faculty in the Kimmel School. Dr. Tay replaces Chip Ferguson as a member of the committee. Carol introduced her new assistant, Ricky Lanning, who will attend and schedule all meetings and record minutes.
2. Approval of minutes from November 15, 2010 meeting
 - a. The second agenda item was the approval of the minutes from the November 15, 2010 meeting. Alex brought the minutes from that meeting before the committee and they were subsequently approved.
3. Update on the Honors College Liberal Studies Course Replacement Policy
 - a. Alex informed the committee that the APRC met last Wednesday (1/19/2011) and approved a modified version of the policy. A conversation ensued about which group should be responsible for approval. No action was taken, and it was decided that the committee will wait to see how the Faculty Senate votes on the matter.
4. Discussion of the implementation of Action Plan
 - a. Alex updated the committee to inform them that 3 departmental representatives have responded to his request for input on the LS assessment action plan. Alex has asked for representatives from each group taking part in the implementation of the action plan to talk about what they want to see in terms of changes in liberal studies.
 - b. Carol recommended that the committee needs to go back and review any course that has not been offered for a long period of time (at least 3 years).

5. Update on the Excellence in Teaching Liberal Studies Award
 - a. Gayle provided the committee with an update on when nominations are due along with an update on the overall timeline. She is projecting that a winner will be selected on or about March 18, 2011 and announced at the General Faculty meeting in April.

6. Old/New Business
 - a. Carol presented the liberal studies master list and encouraged the group to let her know if they see any errors that need correcting.

 - b. Carol spoke about the Council of Deans meeting that she attended last week and the program prioritization process that the Council of Deans discussed. An announcement was made by Carol that the Liberal Studies Committee has been asked by the Council to make general recommendations about changes to the liberal studies program so that it meets the NC General Assembly budget stipulations by January 27, 2011.
 - i. Carol presented some of the areas that the Council would like to see recommendations from. A conversation ensued about some of the potential general recommendations that could be made. Various options were discussed but the committee was unable to make any specific recommendations because there was no way of knowing what any proposed changes would accomplish from a budgetary sense and the committee lacks the information it would use to gauge the full impact of any recommendations.
 - ii. It was decided that Alex would further canvass the committee by email to develop a general statement to the Council of Deans that Carol will present to them on Thursday (1/27/2011).

 - c. Alex announced that next week's meeting is cancelled so that members can attend the Chancellor's address to faculty and staff.

Time of Meeting Adjournment: 5:05pm