

Minutes of the Liberal Studies Committee (LSC)
March 14, 2011
University Center, Dogwood Room

Members Present: Alexander Macaulay (Chair), Brent Kinser, Carol Burton, Shannon Thompson, Steve Baxley, Peter Tay, Gayle Wells

Members Absent: Tracy Zontek, Robert Mulligan

Recorder: Ricky Lanning

1. Approval of minutes from February 21, 2011 LSC meeting:
 - a. The meeting was called to order at 3:30pm by Alex. The first agenda item was the approval of the minutes from the February 21, 2011 LSC meeting. Alex brought the minutes from the meeting before the committee and they were subsequently approved. The minutes are now available on the LSC website for viewing (<http://www.wcu.edu/10946.asp>).

2. Discussion of the proposed Honors Path Curriculum:
 - a. The second agenda item was a discussion of the proposed Honors Path Curriculum. Alex provided the committee with some background information based on his knowledge of a recent APRC meeting. Alex proposed that this committee draft a formal response about the committee's thoughts on the proposed Honors Path. A general discussion ensued about the proposed Honors Path Curriculum. The committee members discussed the pros and cons of the proposal along with making note of some areas of concern. The committee unanimously reaffirmed its support of the Senate resolution favoring a single Liberal Studies program for all students (Tracy voting via email).

3. Issues with the degree evaluation and the ULP:
 - a. The third agenda item was introduced by Steve Baxley and it dealt with issues with the degree evaluation and the upper level perspectives courses. Steve updated the committee on the ULP and what he is seeing and experiencing in the advising center and he made note that there are anxieties about degree evaluations coming from students. It was suggested that the committee invite Larry Hammer from the registrar's office to the next session to discuss what the degree audit is and isn't doing.

4. Old/New Business

- a. None. It was announced that the committee will meet again on March 21, 2011.

Time of Meeting Adjournment: 4:50p