

LIBERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE

Minutes

February 24, 2006

Attendees: Jeff Berglund, David Best, Virginia Blankenship, Terence Blows, Cynthia Conn, Brandon Cruikshank, John Doherty, Jack Farrell (via phone), Bruce Fox, Paula Garcia, Dayle Hardy-Short, Louise Lockard, Anne Medill, Karen Pugliesi, Blase Scarnati (presiding), Anne Scott, David Sherry, and Aregai Teclé.

I. Welcome and introductions – Blase Scarnati

- Guests Anne Scott, Virginia Blankenship, and Terry Blows were introduced.

II. Approval of minutes – All

- December 2, 2005 minutes were approved with corrections.
- January 20, 2006 minutes were approved with corrections.

III. Syllabi review report – All

- Committee chairs reported on the status of outstanding course reviews.

IV. Summer Reading book approval – Anne Scott

- Discussion of the books recommended by Anne Scott at the February 10, 2006 meeting.
- *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* by Mark Haddon was selected for the summer 2006 reading program.

V. Liberal Studies Review Committee Recommendations – Virginia Blankenship and Terry Blows

- The Faculty Senate requested a response or recommendation from this Committee for their March 6, 2006 meeting.
- A motion was passed to replace the four skills in section V.A (critical thinking, effective writing, effective oral communication, and technological and scientific literacy) in the Liberal Studies Review Committee's February 24, 2006 recommendations with five skills (quantitative reasoning, effective writing, effective oral communication, scientific reasoning, and technological literacy). The same motion recommended that critical reasoning be added in section I.B (Principles to Guide the Development of Student Learning Outcomes).
- The LSC agreed to meet again on March 3, 2006 to continue the discussion. In the meantime, Dr. Pugliesi will request that the Faculty Senate postpone its vote on these recommendations to allow further discussion and revisions to the recommendations.

VI. Adjourn