

## **LIBERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes**

**March 3, 2006**

Attendees: Jeff Berglund, David Best, Virginia Blankenship, Terence Blows, Doug Brown, Cynthia Conn, Brandon Cruikshank, Katie Desmond, John Doherty, Jack Farrell (via phone), JeanAnn Foley, Bruce Fox, Dayle Hardy-Short, Tamara Harrison, Laura Michael-Blocher (via phone), Blase Scarnati (presiding), and David Sherry.

#### **I. Welcome and introductions – Blase Scarnati**

- The Committee was welcomed and guests were introduced.

#### **II. Continued discussions of Liberal Studies reform recommendations - All**

- A motion was passed to recommend amending section I.B of the Liberal Studies Review Committee's February 24, 2006 recommendations to add 'critical thinking' and 'creative thinking' and, if an existing course in Liberal Studies does not assess one of the remaining skills, then the course will need to demonstrate how it does meet the goals of the Liberal Studies Program and a meeting with the Liberal Studies Committee should be arranged to develop an agreeable timeline to meet expectations for assessment.
- A motion was passed to endorse the recommendations of the Liberal Studies Review Committee dated February 24, 2006, with exception of previously adopted motion addressing sections I.B and V.A by this Committee on February 24, 2006. We express a reservation on the complex of issues concerning the diversity requirement and the cultural understanding block and acknowledge our concern that environmental consciousness is not explicitly acknowledged.

#### **III. Other**

- If no new issues arise in the next week, we might be able to cancel the March 10, 2006 meeting since today's meeting was an additional meeting. Blase will contact the Committee via email.

#### **IV. Adjourn**