

LIBERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE

Minutes

March 31, 2006

Attendees: Jeff Berglund, Doug Brown, Katie Desmond, John Doherty, Jack Farrell (via phone), Dayle Hardy-Short, Martha Lee, Louise Lockard, Anne Medill, Marcia Metcalf, Laura Michael-Blocher, Blase Scarnati (presiding), David Sherry, and Aregai Teclé..

I. Welcome and introductions - Blase Scarnati

Blase Scarnati welcomed everyone and introduced Martha Lee (Forestry Department), the new coordinator of the American Democracy Project.

II. Approval of minutes - All

Approval of minutes will be tabled until the next meeting.

III. Syllabi report - All

Jeff Berglund and Laura Michael-Blocher gave reports on their Subcommittees' work. Blase will update the status report spreadsheet and email it to the committee.

IV. American Democracy Project - Marty Lee

Marty Lee provided a handout containing an overview of the American Democracy Project, its goals, and activities here at NAU. For more information contact Marty Lee at 928-523-6644 or Martha.Lee@nau.edu.

V. Final Liberal Studies reform recommendations - All

A motion was unanimously passed, as follows: That Blase Scarnati, on behalf of the Liberal Studies Committee, will express to the Faculty Senate Executive Committee the LSC's desire to have more time to discuss the new (environmental alternative) proposal submitted today by Marcus Ford and others.

A motion was unanimously passed, as follows: That 'Quantitative Reasoning' be added to the recommended list of Essential Skills in section V.A of the March 13, 2006 Liberal Studies Review Committee (LSRC) report.

A motion was unanimously passed, as follows: That the following statement be inserted as item number 1 under section VI.D of the March 13, 2006 LSRC report: "Implement this program only if resources are adequate to insure the recruitment of experienced scholar-teachers." The existing items will then be renumbered as item numbers 2, 3, and 4.

Jeff Berglund will draft a letter on behalf of the Liberal Studies Committee thanking the Senate Liberal Studies Review Committee for their work and support.

Discussion of this proposal will continue at the next meeting.

VI. Other - Blase Scarnati

Elections will be held this April for positions, effective Fall 2006. The Committee was asked to consider nominations for LSC Chair, Vice Chair, and a representative to the Diversity Subcommittee of the University Curriculum Committee.

VII. Adjourn