

LIBERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE
Minutes
October 12, 2007

Approved 10-26-07

Attendees: T.S. Amer, David Best, Doug Brown, Don Carter, Jack Ferrell (via phone), Bruce Fox, Becky Garrison, Dayle Hardy-Short (presiding), Louise Lockard, Helaine McLain, Tom Paradis, Shelly Pleasants, Karen Pugliesi, Vicki Ross, and David Sherry.

I. NCA Self Study and site visit update – Karen Pugliesi

The accreditation team will be here October 22-24. Our liberal studies program has experienced much growth and improvement since our last accreditation ten years ago. The site team will be looking not only at our program as it currently stands, but also from where it has evolved and to where we are planning to take it forward from here. The liberal studies program is specifically addressed in the Self-Study Report pages 16-17 and 139-148.

II. Approval of minutes

- The September 14, 2007 meeting minutes were approved.
- The September 28, 2007 meeting minutes were approved.

III. GEATF meeting update – Karen Pugliesi

On September 28, Karen P. participated in a meeting with the General Education Articulation Task Force. Dine College has developed a new general education program that aligns with AGECE (Arizona General Education Curriculum). The issue of NAU's diversity requirement was discussed. Karen asked for a member of our liberal studies committee to participate in the GEATF AACU learning outcome project. Becky Garrison volunteered to do so.

IV. Search for Director of Composition in English

John Doherty volunteered to serve on the committee.

V. LS Alignment project update

- Louise Lockard will serve as the LS liaison for AIS this semester. Ethnic studies will be added to the list for spring 2008 and Becky Garrison will serve as the LS liaison. The Office of Academic Assessment will continue to offer mini-grants in the spring.
- A revised "Liberal Studies Alignment Protocols" draft was redistributed. Comments and suggestions can be emailed to Dayle Hardy-Short and/or Bruce Fox. The long version will be used by the committee and a shorter/summary version will be created to distribute to departments.

VI. LS course proposals

- ENG 247 was approved for Liberal Studies designation.

- GLG115/ENV115 cross listed course and several HIS course proposals will be assigned to three subcommittees who will evaluate them and present their recommendations to the full committee at the next meeting.

VII. Creation of checklist for submission of LS courses – Dayle Hardy-Short

The possibility of going back to a course proposal cover sheet for liberal studies that is separate from the UCC form was discussed. Comments, suggestions, questions, and concerns can be sent to Dayle.

VIII. Master syllabus – T.S. Amer

Time did not permit discussion of this topic so it will be postponed until the next meeting.

Adjourned

Remaining fall 2007 meetings:

Oct 26

Nov 9, 30

Dec 7