

LIBERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE
Minutes
November 9, 2007

Approved 11-30-07

Attendees: T.S. Amer, David Best, Don Carter, Brandon Cruikshank, John Doherty, Jack Ferrell (via phone), Bruce Fox, Dayle Hardy-Short (presiding), Louise Lockard, Eileen Mahoney, Helaine McLain, Shelly Pleasants, Vicki Ross, Blase Scarnati, David Sherry, and Aregai Teclé.

I. Approval of minutes

The October 26, 2007 meeting minutes were approved with a date correction.

II. Announcement

John Doherty has started a new position in the e-Learning Center, so he will no longer be the CAP (Council of Academic Professionals) representative on the liberal studies committee. Louise Lockard will replace John as the LS representative on the Diversity Requirement subcommittee.

III. Completion of Liberal Studies policy

The "NAU Policy on Completion of Liberal Studies Foundation Courses" document dated June, 2007 was discussed. The committee approved a motion 'to recommend changes to the policy and that the revision comes back to the LS committee before we recommend it to the senate for a final vote.' David Sherry will draft a list of changes to be discussed by the committee, including concerns about enforcement of the policy, accommodations for transfer students, inclusion of tribal colleges, and the temporary nature of waivers.

IV. Update on realignment process

Louise is working with Applied Indigenous Studies. Dayle is working with the School of Communication. The College of Education has submitted all of its courses and Dayle will distribute them to the subcommittees soon.

V. New course proposals

- Many course proposals have been received and many more are expected in the near future. The committee initiated a discussion regarding "managing" the liberal studies program. There will be time set aside in future meetings to continue this discussion.
- Upon the subcommittee's recommendation, ENV115/GLG115 was approved (with minor revisions that the subcommittee has asked the department to make).

VI. Student learning outcomes for distribution blocks

The committee began a discussion about using the First Year Seminar learning outcomes as a template to define the outcomes for the distribution blocks.

VII. Resources on the web

The committee discussed resources that could be developed and posted on the web for use by faculty/departments, such as mission, distribution block definitions, skills, sample syllabi, etc.

Adjourned

Remaining fall 2007 meetings:

Nov 30

Dec 7