

**LIBERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE**  
**Minutes**  
**February 1, 2008**

**Approved 2-15-08**

Attendees: David Best, Jack Ferrell (via phone), Dayle Hardy-Short (presiding), James Leve, Louise Lockard, Helaine McLain, Tom Paradis, Shelly Pleasants, Vicki Ross, Blase Scarnati, David Sherry.

**I. Data on liberal studies courses**

The committee briefly discussed the data that had been presented by Zhong Chen at the previous liberal studies meeting. Two new questions were proposed and will be forwarded to Dr. Chen.

- A. Which/how many courses are designated for liberal studies but are not offered regularly?
- B. Which/how many courses are offered in which distribution blocks, by which departments?

**II. Approval of minutes**

The January 18, 2008 minutes were approved with one addition/correction.

**III. Sophomore course proposal**

Blase Scarnati reported that the syllabus for the proposed pilot sophomore course on global issues will be presented to the committee soon for their consideration. He is hoping for swift approval so that the course can be published in the class schedule as soon as possible for fall 08 enrollment. It is being designed for the skill of critical thinking and for all distribution blocks. When the proposal is received, Dayle will distribute it to the entire committee, but the subcommittee of Jim Leve, David Sherry, and Dayle Hardy-Short will be assigned to make their recommendation.

**IV. Course reviews**

A. Approved

- REL 326
- REL 332
- REL 352
- REL 421C
- REL 441C
- REL 451C
- REL 481C
- REL 491C
- ENG 467C
- ENG 362

B. Discussed but not approved

These course proposals all had the same issue. On the committee's recommendation, Dayle will ask the chairs to revise the syllabi to show evidence of student learning outcomes for critical thinking. The committee will reconsider the courses when the revised syllabi are received.

- REL 392
- ANT 106
- ANT 109
- SBS 101

C. Postponed

Key subcommittee members were not present for a discussion of CS110. This course has been in the queue for quite a while so Dayle is going to ask for a proposal from the subcommittee via email and will distribute it to the full committee for an email vote before the next meeting.

Adjourned

Remaining meetings this semester:  
Feb 15, 29; Mar 14, 28; Apr 11, 25