

LIBERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE
Minutes
March 28, 2008

Approved 4-11-08

Present Voting Members: T.S. Amer, Cruz Begay, David Best, Doug Brown, Brandon Cruickshank, Jack Ferrell (via phone), Dayle Hardy-Short (presiding), James Leve, Helaine McLain, David Sherry, and Todd Welch.

Present Ex-Officio Members and Guests: Marcus Ford, John Hagood, Tom Paradis, Shelly Pleasants, and Karen Pugliesi.

Excused Voting Members: Becky Garrison, and Louise Lockard.

Absent Voting Member: ASNAU representative, Vicky Ross, and Aregai Teclé.

Dayle Hardy-Short called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

I. Approval of minutes

The February 29, 2008 minutes were approved.

II. UC 299 Sophomore class proposal

- Marcus Ford, co-creator of the course, talked with the committee about meeting the requirements of multiple distribution blocks, assessing the skill of critical thinking, and supporting the liberal studies mission. He and David Cole, co-creator of the course, scaled back targeted enrollment from 200 to 78-80 and re-submitted the proposal to include only two distribution blocks (**SPW and Science**) and the skill of **critical thinking**.
- Under those conditions, **the course was approved**.
- Dr. Ford was asked to submit revised paperwork (to reflect the changes made verbally) in a timely manner.

III. Course submission schedule for 09-10 catalog

The new schedule was distributed and committee members were asked to share it with their colleagues. We would like to encourage faculty to develop a routine of working on their courses in the spring and submitting them to liberal studies in the fall.

IV. Discussion of alignment reviews and process

Dayle has received many course realignment submissions that she will distribute to subcommittees soon for discussion at the next meeting.

V. Accreditation update - Karen Pugliesi

We received our copy of the report from the site visit team to the Higher Learning Commission. NAU received the highest possible rating on all five criteria. The

team is recommending accreditation through 2017. We will receive the final report from the HLC in a few months.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45p.

Remaining meetings this semester:
Apr 11, 25