

**Liberal Studies Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 14, 2008**

Approved 12-5-08

Present Voting Members: T.S. Amer, Betty Brown, Doug Brown, Ryan Holder, James Leve, Alyssa McKinley, Brent Nelson, Robert Rose (via phone), Vicki Ross, Blase Scarnati (presiding), Cheryl St. George and Aregai Tecele.

Present Ex-Officio Members and Guests: Don Carter, John Hagood, Tom Paradis and Shelly Pleasants.

Excused Voting Members: Becky Garrison, Linda Robyn, Joseph Wegwert and Todd Welch.

Absent Voting Members: None.

I. Welcome, introductions, issues

Blase Scarnati called the meeting to order at 3:03p.

II. Discussion of the Liberal Studies Program

The committee discussed a broad array of ideas related to the management of the liberal studies program.

III. Acceptance of minutes

The 10-31-08 minutes were approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25p.

Parking Lot items for future discussion:

- Reconsider critical thinking?
- LS outcomes at mission level?
- Improve current LS process or create more structure?
- Notion: Any course can serve as LS, as can contribute to larger outcomes?
- What current and post-grad student perception data exists? What do we need to improve and why? What skills/learning do students value?
- Models for other universities; how handle; lessons learned; problems/barriers, success?