



LIBERAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Liberal Studies Committee Meeting Minutes February 13, 2009

Approved 2-27-09

Present Voting Members: T.S. Amer, Betty Brown, Bill Grabe, Linda Robyn, Robert Rose (via phone), Vicki Ross, Blase Scarnati (presiding), Aregai Tecle, Joseph Wegwert, and Todd Welch

Present Ex-Officio Members and Guests: Don Carter, Greg Glau, John Hagood, Kathryn Kozak, Shelly Pleasants, Karen Pugliesi, Linda Shadiow, and John Stevenson.

Excused Voting Members: Becky Garrison and Ryan Holder.

Absent Voting Members: Doug Brown, Alyssa McKinley, Cheryl St. George, and Brent Nelson.

I. Welcome, introductions, issues

Blase Scarnati called the meeting to order at 3:05 PM.

II. Acceptance of minutes

The 1-30-09 minutes were approved with one minor correction.

III. Decoding the Disciplines – Linda Shadiow

- Linda Shadiow, Director of the Faculty Development Program, gave a presentation on ‘Decoding Disciplines,’ which explores the differences in how novice and expert learners in a discipline process information and problems.
- The Committee discussed the applicability and the implications of Decoding the Disciplines for both Liberal Studies skills, such as critical thinking,’ and faculty teaching in the Program.

IV. Discussion of the Liberal Studies Program

- A motion was approved to require that the Liberal Studies Mission statement be reproduced in all LS syllabi by including it as a required item in the LS Master Syllabus Template.
- Blase Scarnati, Bill Grabe, and T.S. Amer will review the six ‘Principles to Guide the Development of Student Learning Outcomes’ from the 2006 Faculty Senate reforms. They will present their recommendations to the Committee for consideration at a later date.

Meeting adjourned at 4:56 PM.