

**Liberal Studies Committee
Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2009**

Approved 9-25-09

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

Present Ex-Officio Members and Guests: Don Carter, John Hagood, Eileen Mahoney, Tom Paradis, Shelly Pleasants, Karen Pugliesi, John Stevenson, and Melinda Treml.

Excused Voting Members: and Aregai Tecele,.

Absent Voting Members: Doug Brown, Becky Garrison, Ryan Holder, Alyssa McKinley, and Brent Nelson, Joseph Wegwert,

I. Welcome, introductions, issues

- Blase Scarnati called the meeting to order at 3:06 PM.
- Blase thanked the committee for their hard work the past year.
- The committee also thanks Blase for his hard work and leadership over the past year.
- The new committee chair for next year (09-10) is Linda Robyn. A vice chair has not yet been selected.

II. Acceptance of minutes

The 4-17-09 minutes were approved.

III. Assessment Subcommittee

- Tom Paradis reported that the liberal studies assessment subcommittee has met twice and is working on proposals/goals/purpose/role of the subcommittee. A smaller subcommittee will continue to work through the summer and will make their proposal to the new committee in the fall.
- John Stevenson presented the results of his chairperson interviews. The written report contains feedback from the chairs. In addition, John offered a few of his own recommendations to the committee.
- Blase thanked John for all his work this semester on the committee. He will be returning to the University of Rhode Island soon.

IV. ‘Decoding the Disciplines’ follow up

The committee had a short discussion about the workshop we had at the last meeting.

V. LSC Strategic Plan – Blasé

Blase presented an outline of the things the committee has been discussing over the past year and things they indicated they would like to continue working on next year. Taking into consideration comments and suggestions from the committee, Blase will make a few minor adjustments to the plan and forward it to Linda Robyn for use next year.

VI. LS Course Proposal

Non-voting members were excused while voting members stayed to discuss the GEO 445C course proposal. It was approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM.