

**Liberal Studies Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 23, 2009**

**Approved 11-6-09**

Present Voting Members: T.S. Amer, Doug Brown, Rebecca Garrison, Linda Robyn (presiding), Robert Rose (via phone), Vicki Ross, Dennis Tanner, Jin Wang, and Todd Welch.

Present Ex-Officio Members: Lauren Buck, Don Carter, Kathryn Kozak, Tom Paradis, Shelly Pleasants, Karen Pugliesi, Blase Scarnati, and Melinda Treml.

Excused Voting Members: Betty Brown, John Leung, Irene Matthews, Brent Nelson, and Joseph Wegwert.

Absent Voting Members: Kathleen Templin.

- I. Welcome, introductions, issues – Linda Robyn**  
The meeting was called to order at 3:05PM.
- II. Presentation by Don Carter on best use of our existing LS Vista shell**  
Don gave a brief tutorial on navigating the Vista shell that he created for the liberal studies committee (NAU homepage/Vista or vista.nau.edu). This shell can be used to access information and to discuss course proposals and other topics. Don will further work with anyone who wants to utilize the site.
- III. Acceptance of minutes – Linda Robyn**  
The 10-9-09 minutes were approved.
- IV. Learning Subcommittee discussion – Linda Robyn and Tom Paradis**  
In order to better utilize time, it was decided that Todd Welch, Linda Robyn, and TS Amer, who are on both the learning subcommittee and course review subcommittees, could be relieved of their course review subcommittee commitments on days such as today when all the committees need to meet at the same time.
- V. Other issues, concerns**
  - Karen Pugliesi reminded the committee that a review of the foundation course ENG 105 will soon be launched and she would like to have a few volunteers from

the LSC to serve on the review committee, along with English department faculty and others.

- In light of all the budgetary issues, Karen Pugliesi introduced the topic of “the cost of the liberal studies program.” Many variables will be considered in an attempt to model the cost. If anyone is interested in getting involved with this project, please email Karen.
- Becky Garrison shared some questions that arose in her course review subcommittee. The examples of ‘good syllabi’ on our web site may need to be replaced.
- Melinda Treml gave a brief update on the faculty survey. The LSC took it this past week and it will go out to the rest of the faculty next week.

At 4:05PM the full committee adjourned. The learning subcommittee and the course review subcommittees stayed to do some work.