

**Liberal Studies Committee
Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2010**

Approved 2-19-10

Present Voting Members: T.S. Amer, Betty Brown, Doug Brown, John Leung, Irene Matthews, Brent Nelson, Linda Robyn (presiding), Robert Rose (via phone), Vicki Ross, Jin Wang, and Todd Welch.

Present Ex-Officio Members: Lauren Buck, Rebecca Butcher, Rebecca Campbell, Don Carter, Todd Firth, Greg Glau, Tom Paradis, Sue Pieper, Shelly Pleasants, Karen Pugliesi, Blase Scarnati, Melinda Treml.

Excused Voting Members: Rebecca Garrison and Joseph Wegwert.

Absent Voting Members: Dennis Tanner, and Kathleen Templin.

- I. Welcome, introductions – Linda Robyn**
The meeting was called to order at 3:03PM.
- II. Acceptance of minutes – Linda Robyn**
The 12-4-09 minutes were approved.
- III. NAU Reads – Rebecca Campbell**
The Book Selection Committee has nominated both *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* (Sherman Alexie) and *No Impact Man* (Colin Beavan) to be used in 2010 and 2011. The final decision of which to use first has not yet been made. The LSC approved the two books.
- IV. AACU conference report - Tom Paradis**
 - Tom attended the AAC&U national conference in Washington DC a couple of weeks ago and shared highlights of the presentations. For a copy of his two-page summary, email thomas.paradis@nau.edu.
 - Karen Pugliesi distributed copies of the AAC&U publication *College Learning for the New Global Century*, which can be found at http://www.aacu.org/leap/documents/GlobalCentury_final.pdf.
- V. University Learning Assessment (OAA – Tom Paradis, Sue Pieper, Melinda Treml)**

As part of the VSA (voluntary system of accountability – for more info go to the NAU home page and click on the “How NAU Compares” button in the bottom left corner) the NAU office of academic assessment conducted the CLA (collegiate learning assessment), a four-year longitudinal study which is designed to measure an institution’s contribution to student learning. For a copy of the full CLA report, email Thomas.paradis@nau.edu .

VI. Additional items

Melinda Treml reported that about half the NAU faculty participated in our survey and results will be compiled by the end of March. The goal is to distribute the findings to departments in April.

Meeting adjourned at 4:34PM