

**Liberal Studies Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2010**

**Approved 4-23-10**

*Present Voting Members:* T.S. Amer, Becky Garrison, Linda Robyn (presiding), Vicki Ross Dennis Tanner, Jin Wang, and Laura Taylor substituting for Todd Welch.

*Present Ex-Officio Members:* Lauren Buck, Becky Butcher, Todd Firth, Tom Paradis, Karen Pugliesi, Blase Scarnati, and Melinda Treml.

*Excused Voting Members:* Betty Brown, Chunhye Kim Lee, Brent Nelson, Robert Rose

*Absent Voting Members:* Doug Brown, John Leung, Irene Matthews, Kathleen Templin, and Joseph Wegwert.

**I. Welcome, introductions – Linda Robyn**

The meeting was called to order at 3:10 PM.

**II. Acceptance of minutes – Linda Robyn**

Minutes from 3/5/10 were not accepted due to not having a quorum.

Karen Pugliesi provided two copies of the *Association of General and Liberal Studies* newsletter for all those present to review

Karen also presented a website for university core curriculum from [Southern Illinois University/Carbondale](#) as an example how NAU could organize and present documentation regarding Liberal Studies.

**III. A. Learning Subcommittee Update and Directions – Tom Paradis**

Tom announced anyone interested in joining the Learning Subcommittee will receive a \$1,000 stipend for their work/effort during the summer. Please contact him in the next week or so if you're interested.

Tom also reported that the Learning Subcommittee minutes will be added to the Liberal Studies website.

**B. Faculty Survey Report, Phase I, Plans for NAU Distribution and discussion – Melinda Treml**

Melinda reported general findings on the *Faculty Attitudes and Perceptions of the Liberal Studies Program* (handout) and provided an appendix of qualitative data

responses (handout). Following Melinda's report, committee members discussed general findings and strategies to present the report to the greater campus community.

**Action Item:** Linda is to draft a letter that will be sent to faculty respondents and send it to the Learning Subcommittee for their review. This will be further discussed at the next Liberal Studies meeting (4/9).

**C. Continuation of Faculty Engagement Discussion; Faculty Communities idea** – this item was not addressed at this meeting (a handout was provided).

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.