

Liberal Studies Committee Minutes
March 20, 2008
3:30 – 5 p.m.
Stapleton 203

Present: M. Sadler, M. Stahl, F. Slack, B.G. Wilson, S. Reid, K. McKee, C. Zoni, E. Auvil

Excused: M. Hildebrandt, Y. Asamoah, D. Pistole, T. Wacker

Guest: Sarah Jackson

The minutes from the March 6th meeting were approved on a Wilson/Zoni motion with one correction to the attendance section.

Reviewed the GEOS 201 Foundations of Geology new course proposal for the Natural Science Lab category. On a Reid/ Auvil motion provisional approval was given with the following revisions: 1) attend to typo in course objectives, 2) consider that naming both exams “midterms” may be confusing for students, 3) use a conventional style for textbooks and bibliography (VII and IX), i.e. APA, MLA.

Reviewed the GEOS 203 Surficial Processes new course proposal for the Natural Science Lab category. On a Wilson/Stahl motion provisional approval was given with the following revisions: 1) consider that naming both exams “midterms” may be confusing for students, and 2) use a conventional style for textbooks and bibliography (VII and IX), i.e. APA, MLA.

Reviewed the revised Type I proposal from Sarah Jackson. On a Wilson/McKee motion provisional approval was granted with the following recommendations: 1) there are not enough opportunities for students to revise written work and suggest that students be permitted to revise 3 of the CT write-ups instead of just one, 2) need to secure the syllabus of record – proposal does not include the catalog description and what is typically approved as course objectives. If one is not available, then the syllabus of amnesty policy should be used to secure an approved syllabus of record.

Reviewed the revised Trenney/Lorenzi proposal LBST 499 Sport: A Microcosm of Society. On a Zoni/ Wilson motion, provisional approval was granted provided that the proposers address the following: 1) course objectives are too global, 2) the attendance policy seems very confusing and difficult to enforce –consider simplifying somewhat, and 3) prerequisite of 73 credits needs to appear in the syllabus.

Reviewed the Revised LS Framework proposal. Changes were suggested that would increase the clarity of the document. Members should anticipate action on this at the March 27 th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.