

## **Liberal Studies Committee Minutes**

11 October, 2012

3:30 p.m.

Stabley 103

Present: Y. Asamoah, L. Evering, M. Florez, M. Hildebrandt, M. Knoch, D. Pistole, F. Slack, R. Sweeny, M. Swinker

Excused: E. Hwang

Guest: Bryna Siegel Finer

### **For Action:**

Motion to approve the minutes of 4 October, 2012 Knoch/Asamoah – Passed – unanimous.

### **For Information:**

The Senate approved the proposed language for the Liberal Studies Elective and Global and Multicultural Awareness categories.

Since the Mathematic course revisions for LS Electives were received last spring, Pistole will contact the Chair of the Department and ask them about further revision now that the new language has been approved.

### **I. Course Revisions**

1. Asamoah/Swinker motion to give provisional approval to the following Physics courses – Approved: Unanimous:
  - a. 12-29e PHYS 121 Physics I Laboratory
  - b. 12-29f PHYS 122 Physics II Laboratory
  - c. 12-29g PHYS 131 Physics I-C Lecture
  - d. 12-29h PHYS 132 Physics II-C
  - e. 12-29i PHYS 141 Physics I Laboratory-C
  
2. Hildebrandt/Florez motion to approve the following two course changes – Approved Unanimous:
  - a. 12-32a PHIL 100 Introduction to Religion, course deletion
  - b. 12-32c PHIL 100 Introduction to Philosophy, course number change (was PHIL 120)
  
3. 12-32b PHIL 101 Critical Thinking, course title change (was Informal Logic: Methods of Critical Thinking).

The committee would like the department to respond to the question - does the title change reflect the current content? In addition, the committee would like the rationale to more clearly describe the change.

On a Swinker/Sweeny motion the committee would approve the title change if it was to PHIL 101 Informal Logic – Passed Unanimous.

4. 12-32d PHIL 122 Contemporary Moral Issues, course number and title change (was PHIL 222 Ethics)

The committee would like an expanded rationale that differentiates between ethics and moral issues. The committee would also like an explanation of the word Contemporary in the title and if this will result in a shift in content from what is currently being taught.

5. 12-38 ANTH 250 Human Origins

The committee is returning this course proposal for further revision. In particular the objectives were weak and need to be revised. The attendance policy should add the “boilerplate” about “as outlined in the undergraduate catalog”. Finally, the UWUCC handbook on page 25, B2 asks “What is the relationship between the content of this course and the content of courses offered by other departments? Summarize your discussions (with other departments) concerning the proposed changes and indicate how any conflicts have been resolved. Please attach relevant memoranda from these departments that clarify their attitudes toward the proposed change(s).” The committee feels that this step needs to be taken and those departments contacted.

Motion to Adjourn: Florez/Knoch. Approved Unanimous – the meeting adjourned at 4:32.