

Liberal Studies Committee Minutes

29 August, 2013

3:30 p.m.

Stabley 210

Present: Y. Asamoah, M. Correia, M. Hildebrandt, E. Hwang, M. Knoch, D. Pistole, F. Slack, J. Smith, R. Sweeny

Excused: D. Doverspike

Welcome to our two new members: Dr. Mark Correia, Dean of Health and Human Services and Dr. David Doverspike, COEET, Professional Studies Department.

I. For information – The following provisionally approved proposal revisions were received and passed on to the UWUCC:

- 13-26 ANTH 274 Cultural Area Studies: Latin America
- 13-21a ANTH 110 Contemporary Anthropology
- 13-21c ANTH 271 Cultural Area Studies: Africa
- 13-21d ANTH 272 Cultural Area Studies: China
- 13-21e ANTH 273 Cultural Area Studies: Southeast Asia
- 13-21f ANTH 350 Anthropology of Gender
- 13-21g ANTH 370 Latinos and Diasporas
- 13-21h ANTH 430 Anthropology of Food

II. For action – Approval of Minutes of 9May 2013 Meeting –Asamoah/Sweeny: Passed: Unanimous

III. Discussion - Writing Across the Curriculum

A. Problems with the current system

1. Loss of a community of writing professors
2. Shift from professors teaching W courses (Type I) to Departmental Offerings (Type II)
 - a. Spring 2013 W offerings: 101 professors taught W courses – only 32 of them were Type I
3. W courses have become more insular within departments rather than Across the Curriculum
4. Loss of oversight from the Liberal Studies Committee for W courses – no accountability for the content of the W courses
5. No University wide “buy in” for the writing requirements
6. Students don’t understand why they need to take W courses

B. Possible ways to address the issues

1. Incorporate writing plans into Departmental 5-year evaluations
 - a. How is their curriculum meeting the writing needs of their students?
2. Have College Curriculum Committees set standards for their college

- a. Departments could add but not subtract from these standards
3. Incorporate language into the Vision statements currently being developed by the University
4. Remove Type I, II, and III designations with more accountability from Colleges/Departments

Motion to Adjourn: Knoch/Smith. Approved Unanimous – the meeting adjourned at 5:00.