

Liberal Studies Committee Minutes
October 1, 2009
3:30 p.m.
Stabley 101

Present: Y. Asamoah, K.McKee, D.Pistole, M. Taddie, T. Wacker, G. Wilson, C. Zoni

Excused: M. Hildebrandt and F. Slack

Approval of minutes of 24 September 2009 meeting with minor revision -
Wilson/Asamoah motion - Approved: unanimous

FOR ACTION

Course proposals: Consumer Culture. Committee is asking for clarification on some items and will review the proposal again after the revisions. We may ask one of the proposers to attend a future meeting if need be.

DISCUSSION

1. Committee makeup – Welcome to Michele Taddie our new student member

2. First Year Seminar

The committee continued our discussion of the first year seminar. We concentrated on the 2-3 credit option and came to a general consensus for the criteria and continued to work on the opening paragraphs. G. Wilson will again incorporate our comments and send them to the committee. We will hopefully finish our discussion of this course at next weeks meeting.

We also discussed the potential problem of having a low number of 2 credit courses being offered and discussed options such as variable credit (2-3 hours)

We will wait until we get comments back after the due date to address the first year seminar 1 credit option.

3. Criteria review beyond liberal studies committee

G. Wilson will contact the UWUCC chair to discuss how they would like to deal with the criteria we approve – can we do it in sections or all at once

3. Implementation plan

The committee discussed ideas for the implementation of the new curriculum.

a. How will the old curriculum be phased out as the new curriculum comes in?

1. Specifically – how will we handle courses that won't be in the new curriculum

2. We did not think it was a good idea to give students a choice of curriculum once the new one is implemented (as was the last time)
- b. We will need to have a matrix for substitutions allowed from the old to new curriculum
- c. Workshops – there will need to be curricular development workshops and workshops to help departments revise programs
- d. We need to establish a review process 3-5 years from implementation
- e. Issues of who will be reviewing courses such as across the curriculum courses. We thought that forming screening committees would be essential to reviewing the number of courses that will be coming to the committee. One option would be to have one more member from each college added to the committee for a 3 year term only. We would then create 3 member screening committees as needed.

4. Next week – be sure to review the guidelines for Liberal Studies Curriculum Proposals (p.3-4) – G. Wilson will e-mail these to the committee as well

In addition, we will continue to discuss the implementation plan.

The meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm