

LIBERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE

The Liberal Studies Committee will consist of twelve persons-the Director of Liberal Studies, who will chair the Committee; six faculty members; two academic administrators; and three students. Membership on the Liberal Studies Committee will be determined by appointment by the Provost of individuals interested in and committed to Liberal Studies, after consultation with the Senate Chairperson, the APSCUF President, the SGA President, and other appropriate university groups. The faculty will be appointed to staggered three-year terms, the administrators and the students to staggered two-year terms. The responsibilities of the Committee will be:

1. To review proposals for Liberal Studies courses, and to recommend to the Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee the inclusion of those which meet the criteria for Liberal Studies; to recommend to the Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee the deletion of courses which no longer meet such criteria.
2. To undertake periodic reviews of each part of the Liberal Studies program, and to recommend to the Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee such changes as may be necessary.
3. To approve proposals for individual sections of the synthesis courses, and to report its actions to the Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for information.
4. To make any other recommendations, either to the Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee or to other university bodies, which it believes will improve the Liberal Studies program at IUP.
5. To encourage the steady growth of library skills; to encourage the meeting of competency skills through examination rather than through credits alone; and to encourage the investigation of values in our society.

Note on Procedural Relationships-

The Liberal Studies Committee will not supersede, but will supplement and assist, the university governing bodies which are now established. All curricular proposals presented to the Liberal Studies Committee will be submitted to the Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee with the Liberal Studies Committee recommendation for appropriate action by the University Senate. For instance, a proposal for a new course to the Liberal Studies program will go from the Department through the College to the Liberal Studies Committee, which will look to see if it meets the established criteria for a Liberal Studies course. If it does, then the Committee will send the proposal on to the Senate Undergraduate Curriculum Committee which will, in turn, put it before the Senate for action. If the course is not intended for Liberal Studies credit, then the Liberal Studies Committee will not be involved, and the procedure will continue to be as it is now.