

Liberal Studies Committee Minutes
September 1, 2011
3:30 p.m.
McElhaney 201

Present: Y. Asamoah, L. Evering, M. Florez, M. Hildebrandt, M. Knoch, D. Pistole, E. Hwang, F. Slack

Excused: M. Swinker, J. Tomlinson

Welcome to our newest member, Lea Evering from the College of Education and welcome back to Eun Jin Hwang from the College of Health and Human Services who was off for one semester due to a course conflict.

For Action:

II C. Program or Course Revisions:

HPED: Athletic Training program revision. Asamoah/Hildebrandt motion to approve the Liberal Studies portion of the proposal. Passed: 8/0/0. **NOTE:** correction in total hours (47-44) made in 27 October, 2011 minutes

New Track – B.S. in Education – Early Childhood Education/Special Education Urban Track. Motion to approve the Liberal Studies portion of the proposal. Passed: 7/0/0.

NOTE: From the 21 April 2011 Minutes

LBST 499 Music and Culture Around the World was provisionally approved (unanimous) with the following conditions: there are issues related to the formatting and spelling in the proposal. The committee suggests: 1. use a spell checker, there are many misspelled words; 2. there are numerous punctuation issues - missing commas, etc.; and 3. there are many places where tabs were done poorly as well as a lack of space between words.

On 24 May, 2011 the professor (Dr. Jennings) sent me a revised version that addressed our concerns. The course is now approved.

Discussion:

1. The committee discussed the implementation plan for the new curriculum, updates to the Liberal Studies web site, and the scanned proposals and syllabi of record from the archives. We also discussed the possibility of creating subcommittees to handle the workload.

2. The committee discussed Liberal Studies Assessment reviewing a draft proposal. We support the first portion of the proposal asking faculty to include a narrative description of how their objectives meet the student learning outcomes when they revise or submit a new LS course proposal. The second portion of what would be required of faculty and the committee was not supported as well. One option might be to have departments be responsible for developing/reviewing assessment of the Liberal Studies courses that they offer. We discussed many options and will continue this discussion in subsequent weeks.

Motion to adjourn: Asamoah/Hildebrandt – passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:52pm.