Liberal Studies Committee Minutes February 14, 2008 3:30 p.m. Stabley 101

Present: M. Sadler, Y. Asamoah, E. Auvil, M. Stahl, F. Slack, B.G. Wilson, M. Hildebrandt, T. Wacker, S. Reid, K. McKee, D. Pistole

Excused: C. Zoni

Guests: Mr. Ron Trenney, Mr. David Lorenzi

The minutes from the January 31st meeting were approved on a Wacker/McKee motion with corrections to the attendance section.

Met with proposers Ron Trenney and David Lorenzi about their proposal LBST 499 Sport: A Microcosm of Society. The following comments/recommendations are offered: 1) objectives should be behavioral and written as student outcomes – begin with the stem, "at the end of this course students should be able to; 2) narrow down the list of disciplinary perspectives that will be addressed in the course and then have readings from these disciplines available and reflected in the bibliography; 3) consider re-labeling of assignments to avoid confusion and better reflect the type of work you are expecting students to produce; 4) spend time in first class addressing the nature of synthetic thinking and how this course will facilitate that; 5) define the assignments in more detail and offer evaluation criteria for grading these assignments – especially with the presentations and journals; 6) consider rules for group work to assure individual accountability; 7) are there any primary sources for student to draw upon – try to find sources that do not already offer a synthesis of thinking on the topics; 8) reconsider whether 6 weeks of the course of the course should be presentations; 9) consider how you will insure that all the major topics of importance are addressed in the course; 10) prerequisite is 73 credits; 11) disagree with the use of a one week format for this topic and course design; 12) examine proposal for typos and formatting issues. Feedback from the committee will be sent to the proposers and we will review a revised proposal at the Feb 28th meeting.

Reviewed the HNRC 481 proposal from Dr. Scott Moore and Dr. Janet Goebel, HNRC 481 The Role of History in the Creation of National identity: Case Studies from Cyprus and Turkey. They are requesting that students who take this 6 credit course be permitted to count it for HNRC 499 credit and the non-western requirement. The request was approved on an Asamoah/Hildebrandt motion.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m. on a Wilson/Hildebrandt motion.