

Liberal Studies Committee Minutes
April 10, 2008
3:30 – 5 p.m.
Stabley 103

Present: M. Sadler, M. Hildebrandt, M. Stahl, B.G. Wilson, S. Reid, T. Wacker, F. Slack,
E. Auvil

Excused: C. Zoni, D. Pistole, Y. Asamoah, K. McKee

Minutes from the March 27th meeting were approved on a Wilson/Hildebrandt motion.

Reviewed proposal from Mr. B. Jones and Mr. R. Kemp, LBST 499 Puppetry and Masks – Signs of Life. The committee will invite both proposers to attend the next LSC meeting to discuss the proposal. After a preliminary review, the following recommendations are offered: 1) first week should include a discussion of the expectations for synthetic thinking and how this should evolve in the class, 2) include percentages in the grading scale, i.e. 90-100 = A, 3) prerequisite should be 73 cr., 4) studio time for puppet construction – where and how will this be managed as part of the class, 5) change all LS to LBST, 6) accountability for readings and group work –how will this be managed, 7) provide examples of how the perspective of different majors will be incorporated, 8) provide more detail on the disciplinary perspectives that are part of the course and where or how these are manifested in the syllabus, 9) consider the historical perspectives that could be included, i.e. medieval art forms, 10) the course outline includes two week 9's and week 15 seems rather heavy in content for finals week, 11) where and to whom will the presentations be made, and 12) check proposal for typos.

Reviewed CHEM 105 The Forensic Chemistry of CSI, Dr. John Woolcock and offer the following suggestions: 1) consider re-wording course objectives and using the stem recommended in the UWUCC format for syllabi, 2) could this be numbered as a 200 level course?, 3) are the videos available to students at IUP Library or at a local video store, 4) class participation – how is it evaluated and graded?, 5) criteria for Natural Science category – explain how the students will formulate and test hypotheses. Dr. Woolcock will be invited to attend the April 17th meeting.

Update provided on the LS revision proposal and a report on the discussion that occurred at APSCUF Representative Council.

April 17th will be the final meeting for the semester.

Meeting adjourned at 5 p.m.