

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

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

Excused: R. Rauch

1. Approve minutes of 19 November, 2009 meeting - Zoni/Wacker motion: unanimous.

2. Motion to approve GEOG/RGPL 103 World Cities as a Non-Western cultures course - Zoni/Wacker: 6/0/0

3. Motion to approve William Donner as a Type 1 (professor commitment) writing intensive instructor – Zoni/McKee: 8/0/0

4. Motion to approve SOC 461 Social Research Methods II as a Type II (Departmental) writing intensive course if the following minor revisions are made:

- a. p.6 – the attendance policy needs to be changed to be consistent with the university policies (e.g. extracurricular activities can be excused).
- b. p. 2 – the summary chart needs to be corrected: revisions to research proposals are not graded (y to n) and the total number of pages for lecture and lab assignments is not 1 but 5-10 and 6-12. The total hours would then change to 31-52.
- c. p. 1 – in terms of the final sentence in 1. Revisions to research proposals – “not graded; however, failure to make adequate revisions to literature review and methodology sections lowers grade in 2”. We recommend that you be specific as to how much this will lower the grade in 2.

Wilson/Hildebrandt: 8/0/0

DISCUSSION

1. Social Science criteria – Y. Asamoah and M. Hildebrandt will review the comments recently received by geography and psychology (well after Oct. 6 deadline for comments) and report back to the committee at the 10 December meeting.

2. D. Pistole and F. Slack presented the committee with the revisions for Scientific Literacy CAC. A Wilson/Zoni motion was made to approve the revision. Passed 9/0/0.

3. K. McKee and T. Wacker presented the committee with revisions for the Oral Communication CAC. A Hildebrandt/Asamoah motion was made to approve the revision. Passed 8/0/0
4. We will ask the UWUCC to return the First Year Seminar proposal.
5. The committee discussed the general comments received about the Across the Curriculum courses. The two main issues were how courses would be reviewed and how these courses would be able to be incorporated into departments with “constrained curricula”. The committee feels that many of these concerns will be addressed in the implementation plan. D. Pistole will meet with the science groups who were concerned about the review process. The committee also did not feel that allowing 3 competencies to be met by one course was possible or in the spirit of the CAC.

NOTES

1. G. Wilson presented the committee with an update of the status of all of the criteria. It does appear that we will be able to have them all reviewed by the end of the semester.
2. December 10th meeting: we will review the Social Science criteria, Written Communication CAC, Information Literacy CAC and the 3 math and 2 physics proposals.
3. December 17th meeting: we will review the Global Citizenship CAC and finish any other criteria reviews.

Motion to adjourn: Pistole/Wilson Passed Unanimous

The meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.