

Minutes
LIBERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE
April 3, 2014
STABLEY 101
3:30 – 5

Present: Y. Asamoah, D. Doverspike, M. Hildebrandt, E. Hwang, M. Knoch, D. Pistole, R. Sweeny

Excused: M. Correia, F. Slack, J. Smith

I. For information - The following provisionally approved proposal revisions were received and passed on to the UWUCC:

II. For action

Minutes of 27 March, 2014 Meeting –Asamoah/Sweeny motion to approve –

Passed: Unanimous

III. Discussion

The committee had a second discussion at the request of the Psychology Department for PSYC 290 to waive the requirement for having writing account for at least 50% of the grade so that it can continue to be taught as a W course.

The committee continues to feel it should not give an exception to the W requirement for a course that does not meet the requirements. The additional arguments presented such as it is an infused laboratory and lecture did not change our view since there are other courses such as BIOL 263 and BIOL 362 that have one grade for both the lecture and the laboratory (integrated objectives). In addition, this is a requirement that was approved by the Senate and we are obligated to follow the guidelines as they are given. The committee is also concerned that if we give a variance for this course then any course could become a W with a lesser amount than required because we have established precedence.

The committee continues to be willing to work with the department to help them keep the course a W. Bryna Sigel Finer is also willing to work with the department on ways to incorporate more writing into the course.

IV. Writing

Review of proposal

The Director described the Provost's request for the development of a proposal of a pilot program for Writing Across the Curriculum. The Writing Working Group will develop the proposal and send it to the LSC for our review.

Type I Revisions

Economics

13-188a – James Jozefowicz – Type I Professor Commitment

Motion to approve – Hildebrandt/Asamoah – Passed: Unanimous

13-188b – Stephanie Brewer Jozefowicz – Type I Professor Commitment

Motion to approve – Hildebrandt/Asamoah – Passed: Unanimous

Geography and Regional Planning

13-189 – Gail Sechrist – Type I Professor Commitment

Motion to approve – Knoch/Asamoah – Passed: Unanimous

Type I Professor Commitment – New Proposal

English

13-190 – Bryna Siegel Finer – English

Motion to approve – Hwang/Sweeny – Passed: Unanimous

Type II Revisions

Human Development & Environmental Studies

13-126a CDFR 428 Family Dynamics - Type II Department Commitment – revised proposal

13-126b CDFR 429 Teaching in Child Development Centers - Type II Department Commitment – revised proposal

13-126c FCSE 350 Teaching Family Life Education - Type II Department Commitment – revised proposal

13-126d FCSE 450 Teaching Vocational Family and Consumer Sciences – Type II Department Commitment – revised proposal

13-126e FSMR 434 Quality Control in Textiles - Type II Department Commitment – revised proposal

Motion to approve **all five** HDES proposals – Hildebrandt/Asamoah – Passed:
Unanimous

13-48 Type II EDEX 493 Internship/Field Experience– Type II Department
Commitment – revised proposal

Motion to approve –Asamoah/Hwang – Passed: Unanimous

V. Course Revisions/Proposals

HSS & FA subcommittee proposals

Philosophy

13-191a PHIL 240 Philosophy and the Good Life – New Course – PHIL/RLST –
Knowledge Area

Motion to provisionally approve – Knoch/Asamoah – Passed: Unanimous

Political Science

13-195 PLSC 251 State and Local Political Systems – LS Elective – Information
Literacy

Motion to provisionally approve – Hildebrandt/Sweeny – Passed: Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn: Doverspike/Knoch - Approved Unanimous – the meeting adjourned
at 4:35