

Minutes
LIBERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE
August 28 2014
McElhaney 201
3:30 – 5

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

Note:

Correction to Agenda – Approval of Minutes of 1 May, 2014 Meeting (not 17 April, 2014)

I. Discussion

Special Guests: David LaPorte Chair of the University Senate and Mark Staszkiwicz President of APSCUF – co-chairs of the Summer Curriculum Action Team (SCAT). They discussed a proposal for changes in the Curricular Approval Process at IUP.

Liberal Studies Committee response that will be given to the SCAT team:

1. The Liberal Studies Committee supports the proposal and is fine with how the committee is positioned in the curricular process.
2. In reference to the Liberal Studies Course Proposal Template:
 - a. the committee feels that another answer box/section is needed titled “Why is the course being proposed as a Liberal Studies Course”. It is perhaps redundant with what is on the New Course Proposal Template but we feel it is a necessary component of the Liberal Studies template.
 - b. the committee would request that when a faculty member clicks an area under the Liberal Studies Course Designation that a “pop-up” box with the appropriate criteria appears. We feel this would save time as the faculty member would not have to look through the UWUCC handbook to find the appropriate criteria.
3. The Liberal Studies Committee will review the current criteria for Liberal Studies courses to see if we can “streamline” the information needed for course proposers.

Motion to Adjourn: Knoch/Asamoah - Approved Unanimous – the meeting adjourned at 5:00