

**Minutes**  
**LIBERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE**  
**October 26, 2017 Stabley 101 3:30 – 4:30**

**Present:** Y. Asamoah, S. Ghosh, M. Knoch, S. Massey, L. Ott, E. Reilly, F. Slack,

**Excused absence:** V. Ortiz, B. Schultz, M. Williams.

Approval of 9/28/17 Minutes—unanimous approval

**Curriculum Revision:**

- I. An update was provided on courses currently being revised to have student learning outcomes align with the Expected Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes of the Liberal Studies curriculum. Assessment indicators are also being included. The courses currently being revised are COMM 143, HIST 196, ENGL 101, and MUHI 101. These courses will be used as examples for other departments working to revise their Liberal Studies courses.
- II. Meetings are being scheduled with college chairs to continue to help departments work on revising their LS curriculum. Resources and assistance will be provided as needed.
- III. All Liberal Studies course revisions will be “fast-tracked” through the UWUCC approval process. This means that any Liberal Studies courses that are submitted to UWUCC for review will be moved to the top of their agenda immediately following Distance Education proposals.
- IV. No curriculum submitted for review at this time.

**Other Business:**

- I. Website—updating to be more user friendly. Information needed by students, faculty, and staff will be more easily accessible. Ben is currently attending a training workshop to be able to work on the website.
- II. The committee worked on rearranging the layout of the criteria for each of the areas for Liberal Studies. It was suggested to make required content more prominent and align Expected Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes to the required content. It is hoped that this will make revising courses easier for proposers/departments.
- III. In the interest of having some up-to-date news for the website about Liberal Studies, a suggestion has been made to include recently published articles on Liberal Studies/Arts Education from *The Chronicle* and other such publications to help the university community see the value of Liberal Studies.

IV. Wording for the Honors College program revision for the catalog was approved by UWUCC. The committee has one suggestion to the wording: Footnote (1) currently reads:

“(1) HNRC 101, 102, and 201 replace Liberal Studies requirements for Composition I (ENGL 101), and three humanities courses (ENGL 121; HIST 196, 197, or 198; and either RLST 100 or PHIL 120), and one fine arts course (either ARHI/MUHI/THTR 101 or DANC 102). In addition, students who complete honors units offered by **different** departments will receive Liberal Studies social science credits for the appropriate corresponding departmental course.”

It was suggested to change the highlighted word to “social sciences” departments. The chair of UWUCC and the Director of the Honors College were asked if this change could be made.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by

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