MINUTES LIBERAL STUDIES COMMITTEE December 4th 2020

In attendance: Asamoah, Hromadik, Knoch, Ortiz, Reilly, Scheib, Siegel-Finer, Slack.

Curriculum

- HIST 239 Witches and Witch Hunts 1400-1800, new course Liberal Studies Elective Information Literacy; Global and Multicultural Awareness
 - Courses being proposed for GMA should have a primary focus on nondominate cultures. While "African traditions" is mentioned in the rationale for the proposal, further elaboration is needed. Also in the first Liberal Studies question at the end there is a mention of "beliefs from 3 continents (Europe; The New World; Africa)" again further elaboration on the beliefs from the New World and Africa is needed. The course outline needs to be reframed to better trace the non-dominate cultural progression of witchcraft through Europe and into the New World. Does 'New World' means Caribbean culture as well as New England settlements?
 - In the first Liberal Studies question at the very end the word "analysis" is used incorrectly in the following sentence:
 - This course addresses the liberal studies elective information literacy criteria by requiring students to analysis different forms of...
 - o In the Liberal Studies Section where the course SLOs are mapped to the EUSLO suggest mapping **one** SLO to **one** EUSLO. Recommend the following:
 - SLO 1 Analyze visual and cultural stereotypes of witches maps to EUSLO 3 the past and present from historical,
 - SLO 2 Integrate legal and cultural definitions of a witch. maps to EUSLO 5 the interrelationship with and across cultures & global communities...currently mapped to this EUSLO delete SLO 3 from this EUSLO
 - SLO 3 Illustrate how gender, the law, and religion were used in the legal prosecution of witches maps to EUSLO 19 an understanding of themselves and a respect.....currently mapped to this EUSLO delete SLO 2 from this EUSLO
 - Recommend removing SLO appearing in multiple EUSLOs.

Motion to **Recommend Provisional Approval** of HIST 239 and as **Liberal Studies Elective Information Literacy** course only at this time.

Would like to see the edits suggested in the first bullet above **before** recommending approval for Global and Multicultural Designation.