

Liberal Studies Review Committee
Wednesday, October 16, 2013
10:00 a.m. ED 200

Members Present: Kim Morin, Nan Barker, Janell Morillo, Susan Macy, James Mullooly, Lindsey Fidler, Elisa Jamgochian,

Guests: Jessica Choy, Johnny Conley

The meeting was called to order at 10:15 am.

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes for 10/02/2013 were approved with one correction: Changing the name from Nan Barker to Tim Hamel as the faculty member who shared the Course Work for Supplementary authorization in P.E. during the last meeting.

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved with no additions

Announcements

- Janell shared that the Liberal Studies Program placed highest for the number of graduates who completed their degree in four years as well as the highest in retention. (information provided by OIE)

New Business :

- **Memo to chairs/ reps regarding concentrations**
 - Janell drafted a memo to be sent to department chairs in low enrollment concentrations to inform them their concentrations were under review and asking them to help identify 9 units of courses in their concentration area that are offered at least every semester. After the committee discussed the difference between the Supplemental Authorization and the Subject Matter Authorization (SMA), they decided to add that information on the memo and to encourage those departments to consider following courses to help students satisfy subject matter competency.
- **Report on Supplemental Authorizations**
 - Report on supplemental authorizations: This past summer, Janell asked Advisor Johnny Conley and Credential Analyst Sherri Nakashima to work on a brochure promoting subject matter authorizations. They are offered in the seven core academic areas of Art, English, Language other than English, Math, Music, Science and Social Sciences and requires 32 units in one of those core groups. The Supplemental Authorization is not NCLB compliant and is completed by 10 upper division units in their specific category or 20

units total. These units do not have to be upper division and some can do double duty, counting towards their degree as well as their SMA.

- Janell reported that in 2012, Sherri issued 3 English, 4 Math, 1 Dance, 1 Social Science, 1 Music and 1 Geography Subject Matter Authorizations and 4 Supplemental Authorizations. The advantage of the SMA is that it allows Multiple Subject teachers to teach in those authorized areas in grades 9 and below.
- Elisa Jamgochian said that a Subject Matter Authorization can not be added to a Special Ed credential through our program. She said it could be related to the fact that school districts themselves are now offering the SMA.
- Each committee member was asked to review and assess their own concentrations
- Elisa J shared Internet information that two universities offer a CTC approved program to convert Supplemental Authorization to Subject Matter Authorization: UC Riverside and Cal State San Bernadino.
- The committee discussed whether it was advisable to take away Supplemental Authorization as an option and only offer the Subject Matter Authorization, as there are some academic areas that don't offer the SMA.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15am