

## **Liberal Studies Review Committee**

**Wednesday, January 9, 2011**

**10:00 a.m. Room 316**

**Members Present:** Rajee Amarasinghe, Nan Barker, Annabel Berroya, Paul Crosbie, James Mullooly, Kim Morin, Susan Schlievert, Marilyn Shelton, Janell Tatsumura Melanie Wenrick

**Guests:** Pat Christensen, Kim Cole, Paulette Fleming, Sandra Lee, Amber Hamm, Lorri Brown

The meeting was called to order at 10:10 a.m.

### **Approval of the Agenda**

Janell made an addition to the agenda that Kim Cole would be joining the meeting to meet a requirement for a doctoral course. Janell also mentioned that when taking the qualifying exam for the doctoral program Ms. Cole scored 100%, a very high honor for her and the program.

The meeting minutes were then approved as changed.

### **Approval of the Meeting Minutes**

Paul Crosbie moved that the minutes be approved and Marilyn Shelton seconded the motion. The meeting minutes from the December 8, 2010 meeting were approved with no changes.

### **Announcements**

*Fresno State/Community College Liberal Studies Conference* is scheduled for Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. The conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. The conference will be held at the Fresno State campus in the Residence Dining Hall, and will focus on the following items:

SB 1440

District needs – represented by a panel of superintendents

Classroom needs – represented by a panel consisting of a student, teacher, and principal

This year students are being asked to attend and requests have been sent to all of the community colleges for names of students that would like to attend. Due to the budget, we have limited the number of students to ten per college. Kim asked how the student invitations would be handled here at Fresno State with Janell responding this would be tabled for a quick review after the meeting. It was then suggested that the list serve of

Liberal Studies students would be contacted through Survey Monkey for their reservation and the number will be limited to the first 20 that register. The question was also raised if the Fresno State faculty would need to attend the meeting all day, and the answer was no.

***SB 1440 Meeting, Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>***. This meeting will be held in San Jose and was arranged by the provost. The intention is to begin gathering information about the classes to take at the community colleges prior to transferring to the Universities.

***Liberal Studies Coordinator's Meeting, Friday, February 25<sup>th</sup>***. This meeting has been scheduled at the same time as the SB 1440 meeting in San Jose, leaving very few coordinator's available to attend. At this time Janell has asked Esther Rodriguez, advisor for the Liberal Studies major, to attend via a phone connection.

***New Commissioner at CCTC – LS Grad.*** James Hines earned his Bachelors Degree in the Liberal Studies major as well as his credential and CLAD certificate here at Fresno State. Mr. Hines is currently teaching at Wilson Elementary School and has been a mentor to new teachers. He has been a member of the Fresno Unified Instructional Leadership team, has also been a member of the Superintendent Teacher Council for FUSC, as well as a school site representative for the Fresno Teacher Association. Mr. Hines is currently pursuing a Masters Degree in Education Leadership.

***Lorri's Recovery.*** Lorri gave a brief account of her recent medical disability, thanking all for their good thoughts as she healed.

### **Old Business**

***CSALT (Center for the Scholarly Advancement of Learning and Teaching)***– Kim added that this had been discussed in the December meeting to offer a Teaching Certificate for faculty that teach Liberal Studies courses to help design the certificate program. The goal is to start the workshops in fall.

***SOAP (Student Outcomes Assessment Plan)*** – Technology has been chosen as the first of four goals, and the committee agreed that the next meeting would focus on faculty using technology in the classroom. An invitation will be sent to faculty for the next LSRC meeting (2/23) that teach CI 100, COMM 114, IAS 108, and Math 100 that will share their curriculum and how they assess their students at the end of the class. The technique used in the courses is to assess that the students are meeting the goal. It was suggested that Tina Leimer from Institutional Research, Assessment and Planning (IRAP) be invited to the meeting as well.

Faculty that will be attending the meeting should bring their class syllabi and course assignments to share with the group. This will be a first meeting and will be followed by additional meetings set up by the faculty that choose to participate. It was further decided by the committee that the course assessments that had normally been completed at the end of each semester would not be done at this time, focusing on redesigned SOAP goals.

***Red Balloon Curriculum Committee.*** Kim told the committee that she was a part of this committee and welcomed suggestions with regard to re-designing the current curriculum. She also suggested that students were encouraged to attend and to let her know if they or any students they knew were interested.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 23, in ED 316. This is a meeting that will focus on SOAP and the technology goal as the topic of the meeting. It is not a meeting that is required for members to attend.

The meeting adjourned at about 11:05 a.m.