

Liberal Studies Review Committee

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

10:00 a.m. Room 316

Members Present: Annabel Berroya, Paul Crosbie, Kim Morin, James Mullooly,
Susan Schlievert

Guests: Pat Christensen, Kim Cole, Paulette Fleming, Esther Rodriguez,
Sandi Woods, Lorri Brown

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

Approval of Meeting Minutes from 3/9/11 meeting:

- *Tabled until next meeting due to lack of Quorum.*

Approval of Agenda:

- *Tabled due to lack of Quorum.*

Announcements:

1. ***Community Based Learning*** – Kim Cole introduced a Professional Development opportunity that is open for our students to attend. The NASA Pre-Service Teacher Institute (PSTI) will be offering an on-site preview day at the San Jose NASA Ames Research Center from June 12 through June 24th this year. Students that would like to attend would pay a \$10 registration fee that will be returned when the student boards the bus for the tour. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students and it would be helpful if we could get the information to our students. Janell offered to send a notice to the Liberal Studies list serve, and Lorri will send a notification to the Lead Faculty list.
2. ***Chair Chat*** – Annabel informed the committee of her involvement with the Academic Committee and their creation of a “Chair Chat” for Freshman and Sophomore students on campus. The intent is to allow students that have not made a major choice to speak with a representative from the departments they are interested in, gather information, and make the required major choice. The committee agreed that a representative from the Liberal Studies advising office should be involved to offer more detailed information to the students.

- 3. **Partners in Art Exhibition** – A Partners in Art exhibition will be held on April 3, 2011 at the Carter 2122 center in downtown Fresno. A entrance fee of \$10 will be charged at the door as a fund raiser for Fresno Arts Council and Societ.*

Old Business:

Fresno State/Community College Liberal Studies Conference: Held on Friday, March 18, 2011 the members of the committee that had attended were asked to debrief the event.

Kim thanked Annabel for her presentation. Annabel described the breakout session for the students. She noted that questions were asked about preparing for the CBEST and CSET exams, and the students were not feeling comfortable when coming to the large Fresno State campus. Annabel informed the students of the support groups available among the students as well as the support offered by many of the faculty.

Those from the committee that attended were very impressed with the speakers that had been chosen. Each offered a different perspective from the Superintendents, to Principals, to Teachers, and to students. This enveloped a broader picture for all of those who attended.

Janell mentioned that many of the students that are considering the Liberal Studies major are not as enthusiastic as usual because of reports diminishing the job market. Janell was impressed that the speakers were addressing this issue, and that Larry Powell the Superintendent of Fresno County Schools informed the group that Fresno County has over 2,000 teachers at a retirement age of 60 to 70 years of age. This being said jobs will be available in future years.

Greg Soto was the keynote speaker and gave a wonderful presentation on SB 1440. The Student Transfer Achievement Reform Act defines the upper division and lower division classes offering students that concentrate on their major at the community college level will be allowed to transfer to Fresno State after achieving a 60 unit completion. Students that concentrate on their major here at Fresno State will be able to graduate after completion of 60 units. This does not eliminate a variety of problems that students can encounter, but the university is hoping to see students transferring from community colleges are better prepared for their college major.

Janell suggested that next years meeting be specifically for the students. This is tabled for future discussion.

Standard 9 – Review Goals

Included in the packet is a Curriculum Map offering an evaluation of teaching strategies in this case using technology in the classroom. The assessment uses the following indicators for the level of use in the classroom and allowing the committee to evaluate for further changes if necessary:

*I – Introduced
R – Reinforced
A – Applied*

The committee agreed that a Curriculum Map should be created for each of the area goals. Those in attendance wanted to be certain that the classroom assessments were not completed by exams only.

Mission Statement & Goals.

The question was asked if the committee would like to leave the current goals that have been set, or should a goal of communication be added due to the increased need that seems evident in many of the classrooms. Janell asked that we table this discussion until a Quorum is met.

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:30 a.m. The next meeting will be held on April 13, in Kremen School room 316.