

Liberal Studies Review Committee

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

10:00 a.m. Room 316

Members Present: Nan Barker, Paul Crosbie, Kim Morin, Robert Powell, Susan Schlievert, Marilyn Shelton, Janell Tatsumura

Guests: Pat Christensen, Sandra Lee, Esther Rodriguez, Lorri Brown

The meeting began at 10:10 a.m.

Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- *4/13/11 – Due to a lack of quorum the meeting minutes could not be approved. Those in attendance reviewed the minutes and suggested a few changes. After the changes have been made a revised copy of the minutes from 4/13/11 will be re- sent to the committee.*

Approval of Agenda:

- *The agenda for today's meeting could not be approved because of a lack of quorum.*

Announcements:

- ***May 11, 2011 Meeting change*** – Kim suggested that the LSRC meeting scheduled for May 11 be changed to an executive committee meeting with Janell and Kim to discuss the following: SOAP Plan, Concerns with SSCI 180, & Fall 2011 Schedule.
- ***Convocation*** – Convocation will be held on May 20, 2011. Lorri reminded the committee of the addition of the Master's Degree candidates and the time change to 3:30 pm. The Master's Degree candidates have been invited to a reception in front of the Kremen building and the Hooding ceremony that will be in the Save Mart Center at 7:30 p.m. She asked the committee to encourage the faculty in their departments to come to the ceremony early to help.
- ***Conference Evaluation*** – 73 attended and the evaluation feedback had high ratings overall. The conference items were well accepted and offered a positive approach to the program.

Old Business:

- ***Curriculum Map*** – The curriculum map will be reviewed again in Fall. The committee had made some suggestions about how to support the goals. Kim suggested that she call Rajee and Otto to work on this over the summer and will present at Fall semester meetings.

New Business:

- ***Communication Goal*** – This will be tabled until the Fall semester. Janell suggested that the committee look at both the blended and program standards. Kim stated that Dean Beare asked the focus be increased on field experience – the committee will need to assess where this is used and if the requirement is being defined by the student results. And then the question to define the goal “What do we mean by field experience?”
- ***Liberal Studies Degree program /120 units*** – Dennis Nef had asked Janell to go over the Liberal Studies unit requirement with the committee. At this time 124 units are required for the student to graduate. Those that were in attendance agreed to reduce the requirement to 120 units and Janell would process the change. The Blended program would remain at 135 for the degree and credential.

Fall 2011 – things to prepare for:

SOAP Representative – Kim suggested the committee look at a representative for SOAP. Janell has been the committee representative for this year, however the committee may want to select a representative that may want to develop a sub-committee to address the goals.

Meeting Times – Kim asked Lorri to send a message to the committee members about available meeting times for next Fall and Spring, offering an opportunity for the committee to change the scheduled time to a time that fits the members schedules better.

The meeting ended at 10:45 a.m.