

MINUTES
Liberal Arts Core Committee
February 10, 2006
Old Gold Room, Maucker Union

Present: Brown, Davidson, Heston, Morgan, Murphy, Smith, VanHooreweghe, Vinton

Guests: Michael Blackwell, Christine Canning, Beverly Kopper

I. Call to Order:

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Murphy moved and Davidson seconded the approval of the minutes for February 3, 2006. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Announcements:

Smith shared with the Committee an e-mail from Baughman regarding a proposal that is being developed by the English department concerning writing-intensive courses. Baughman anticipates that the proposal would be distributed to Committee members no later than Friday, February 17. Smith mentioned that this is something the interim provost is concerned about this and it will be a major agenda item.

IV. New Business:

A. Capstone Course Proposal: Back to the Valley: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 21st Century – Dr. Christine Canning

Drs. Canning and Blackwell provided the Committee with background information for the proposed Capstone course. Items covered in the question and answer session included a review of the bibliography, a discussion regarding the number of credit hours for the course, and the type of community service project involved in the course.

Murphy made a motion to approve “Back to the Valley: Martin Luther King, Jr. and the 21st Century” as a Capstone course offering. Heston seconded the motion. Four votes yes; one no vote; one abstention. Motion passed.

B. Category 3 Review. LACC Representative

Smith said he would be sending a letter to the Category 3 review team next week. He said the person that would most likely represent the LACC on the team would be Baughman. Smith said that he would talk with Baughman.

V. Old Business:

- A. LACC Leadership and Administration. Visitor: Dr. Bev Kopper
Smith invited Kopper to share with the Committee her thoughts on what types of responsibilities and qualifications the Liberal Arts Core Coordinator should have. Kopper went over the history of the coordinator of the Liberal Arts Core position. She stated that her main goal as coordinator was being a strong advocate of the LAC and the LAC Committee and trying to extinguish the “just get the ‘gen ed’ out of the way” attitude expressed not only by students, but faculty as well.

Kopper went on to give an overview of her previous responsibilities and functions as the Liberal Arts Core Coordinator. At what level the coordinator should be, whether department head, dean, or faculty member was discussed.

VI. Other Business:

No other business

VII. Adjournment:

Heston moved to adjourn. Davidson seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

The next meeting will be February 24, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Old Gold Room in Maucker Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Nedrow,
Secretary Pro Tem