

MINUTES
Liberal Arts Core Committee
January 27, 2006
Old Gold Room, Maucker Union

Present: Asher, Baughman, Brown, Dolgener for Davidson, Morgan, Murphy, Smith, VanHooreweghe, Vinton

Guest: Catherine Zeman

I. Call to Order:

Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

II. Approval of Minutes:

Murphy moved and Morgan seconded the approval of the minutes for January 20, 2006. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Announcements:

- A. Capstone Course Proposal: Globalization, Cultural Pluralism, and International Security; Dr. DhirendraVajpeyi
Smith distributed a Capstone course proposal from Dr. Vajpeyi for review. Smith will ask Dr. Vajpeyi to attend the next meeting to discuss the proposal.

IV. New Business:

- A. Capstone Course Proposal: Environmental Health and Justice, Dr. Catherine Zeman
Dr.Zeman provided detailed information related to her proposed Capstone course. After a question and answer session, the Committee decided to defer approval of the course and recommended that Dr. Zeman contact Jill Trainer regarding the course being continued as an ETS Capstone offering. If the course is not continued as an ETS Capstone offering, the Committee encouraged Dr. Zeman to bring the course back to the Committee for consideration as a new Capstone course.

V. Old Business:

- A. LACC Leadership and Administration
Smith informed the Committee that he received an e-mail from Susan Koch related to leadership of the Liberal Arts Core Committee. Smith will meet with Dr. Koch next week and will communicate the issues that have been discussed by the Committee.

B. Grading of Washington Center Capstone Course

Smith shared with the Committee an e-mail exchange between Al Stamberg and Doug Koschmeder related to grading and credit for the Washington Center Internship. A variety of grading and credit options were considered.

Smith will communicate the Committee's views and decision to Martie Reineke and Doug Koschmeder.

Smith said he would like the Washington Center course to be listed as an 010:159 course that would show up on the student's transcript with the appropriate grade and as satisfying their Capstone requirement.

Smith made a motion that a UNI faculty advisor be assigned to each student in the Washington Center program. The faculty advisor would determine the grade for the Capstone component as well as the disposition of other credits granted for student participation in the program. Murphy seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

C. Category Coordinating Committees

Smith shared an e-mail from Heston regarding the revised Category Coordinating Committee. The Committee discussed her comments and concerns.

NCA requirements and the frequency of reporting by these committees were briefly discussed.

There was a question regarding how these Committees would be appointed. Smith responded that once the proposal is approved by the Committee, it would then go to the University Faculty Senate. If approved there, Smith and the Liberal Arts Core coordinator would go to college senates and work with them to get the committees up and running.

Smith will revise the proposal for a possible vote at the next meeting.

D. Student Outcomes Assessment

Smith indicated that the LACC needs to charge the committee for Category III to set up their review team and begin the review process. Smith thought this would take place in February. Prior to that time the Committee will need to determine what instructions to give the review team concerning outcomes assessment. Smith will put this item on the agenda for the next meeting.

VI. Other Business:

No other business

VII. Adjournment:

Asher moved to adjourn. Dolgener seconded the motion. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:22 a.m.

The next meeting will be February 3, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. in the Old Gold Room in Maucker Union.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Nedrow,
Secretary Pro Tem