

MINUTES  
Liberal Arts Core Committee  
February 9, 2007  
Student Involvement and Activities Center Meeting Room,  
Plaza level, Maucker Union

Present: Ken Baughman, Jerry Caswell, Nadene Davidson, Cyndi Dunn, Brian Larkin, Siobahn Morgan, Jean Neibauer, Ron O'Meara, Phil Patton, Jerry Smith, Lori VanHooreweghe, Donna Vinton

Guests: Joy Thorson, Jo Loonan, Dennis Hendrickson

I. Call to Order:

Morgan called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

II. Transfer Credit Discussion

The guests from the Admissions office provided background on the process by which transfer courses were given LAC credit in the past. Hendrickson provided a historical perspective on the process. The job of evaluating transfer credit was initially part of the Registrar's office, and it was later shifted to the Admission Office once that office was created. The role of the office is a bit like that of a liaison between UNI and the transfer source/student.

The Admission staff looks at the "intent" of the LAC in determining which transfer courses are accepted as LAC credit courses. There is also the influence of the articulation degree – students with AA degrees will have whatever courses they have taken count for most of the UNI LAC credit, while a student who does not complete an AA degree would have many of these courses excluded. There is also pressure to make sure that there is a seamless transition between the various institutions from the state legislature. The Admission staff is trying to be both reasonable and fair in the handling of the transfer credits.

There was discussion about which body on campus should work with Admissions to help decide which transfer courses should have LAC credit. Generally speaking the LAC committee would be the logical body to work with Admissions, though any changes in the LAC must go through the Faculty Senate. The Admissions office works with departments on course equivalencies and tries to determine if courses transfer in as major credit, LAC credit or university electives. There is also a great deal of consistency in the process that is occurring in Admissions, since the staff in that office has been working on the process for quite some times.

The fact that the state legislature is working to create a uniform numbering scheme across the state to help in the "seamless transitions" for students from one institution to

another. There was quite a bit of discussion about community colleges in general, articulation issues, level of instruction, various aspects of how community colleges are run, etc. Frankly the battery in my tape recorder died in the middle of the discussion, but that was at the point where the discussion concerning transfer credit was just a distant object in the rear view mirror. For the most part, there was mainly a lot of general discussion about community college education.

The Admissions staff was wondering about the procedure that should be undertaken if any of the courses should be removed from the transfer credit list as LAC credit. There was question about whether a department can make these requests directly to the Admissions Office, or if the LAC committee should be that body that works with the Admissions staff to resolve these issues. The Admissions Staff would like input from the LAC committee on such requests, rather than acting on requests about the LAC from various UNI departments. There was further discussion about the role of the administration in the process.

### III. Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Next Meeting – February 23, 2007

Respectfully submitted,  
Siobahn Morgan