

Liberal Studies Committee Minutes  
November 1, 2007  
3:30 p.m.  
Stabley 101

Present: M. Sadler, Y. Asamoah, E. Auvil, M. Browne, F. Slack, T. Wacker, B.G. Wilson, C. Zoni, M. Hildebrandt, M. Swinker, S. Reid

Excused: D. Pistole

Minutes of the October 18, 2007 meeting were approved with minor corrections on a Wacker/Asamoah motion.

The committee reviewed Dr. Rives new course proposal for PHIL 110 Reasoning and the Law that is being proposed as a Liberal Studies Elective. The committee is requesting some revision to the objectives so that they begin with the stem: "At the end of this course students will be able to:". This revision should result in course objectives that better reflect expected student outcomes. The issue of how class participation is evaluated and how this is communicated to students is another area that the committee asks Dr. Rives to consider clarifying. On a Wilson/ Zoni motion, the committee provisionally approved the course for the LS Elective category. Once a revised syllabus is submitted, our approval will be reported to the UWUCC as they deliberate on the proposal as a new course offering.

Reviewed Dr. Kenneth Coles request for Type I Professor Commitment writing status. Dr. Coles was not able to attend the meeting, so the committee asks for a response to the following issues: 1) is there a reason for not including the written lab reports on the Summary Chart, 2) would the lab reports constitute part of the overall writing, 3) concern that 50% of the writing is in the form of exams with 30% in other course assignments; this seemed a bit lopsided in that exams do not typically allow an opportunity for feedback on writing or revision, 4) suggested language change from "good" to proper or appropriate on page 3. Action was deferred until Dr. Coles has an opportunity to respond to the questions. t