

Liberal Studies Committee Minutes
October 15, 2009
3:30 p.m.
Stabley 101

Present: Y. Asamoah, M. Hildebrandt, K.McKee, D.Pistole, R.Rauch, F. Slack, M. Taddie, T. Wacker, G. Wilson

Excused: C. Zoni

Approve minutes of 8 October, 2009 meeting: McKee/Wilson motion: unanimous.

FOR ACTION

Course proposals: FRNC 201 and FRNC 202 Intermediate French I and II.

The committee did not approve these two courses at this time. We will recommend changes to them as specified below and then review it as a committee when resubmitted.

Recommendations:

1. In general, there is too much specificity throughout the document. For example, WebCT is listed as a resource and it will no longer be available after the spring 2010 semester. Try to limit references to things that might not change.
2. The course description is too long (e.g. continued study of French or offered every fall could be removed). The parenthetical portion (WebCAPE ... should be eliminated). The D/F repeat statement does not appear to be supported by our current undergraduate catalog description of D/F repeats and should be removed.
3. The course outlines and course outcomes need to be collapsed (reduced). For example, the committee felt that the twenty three course outcomes (FRNC 201) could be reduced.
4. Finally, the committee would have the authors think about the syllabus of record versus the classroom syllabus (more detail here).

DISCUSSION

1. G. Wilson organized and presented the committee with the responses from the faculty on the first set of criteria. Some of the areas require only editorial changes, which she will make, while some others she identified as "problem" areas that will

require more work. The five “problem” areas were: First Year Seminar; Dimensions of Wellness; Social Science; Natural Science; and the Learning Outcomes.

2. The committee decided to break into subgroups to address these “problem” areas as follows:

1. First Year Seminar: Hildebrandt, Slack, & Wilson.
2. Dimensions of Wellness: McKee, Rauch, & Wacker.
3. Social Sciences: Asamoah & Hildebrandt.
4. Natural Sciences: Pistole, Taddi, & Zoni
5. Learning Outcomes: Pistole & Wilson

3. All of the subgroups will meet in the upcoming week. The Learning Outcomes and sections with only editorial changes will be reviewed at the 22 October meeting. The other groups will present their results at the 29 October and 5 November meetings. The timeline would allow us to complete work on the first set of criteria before the deadline (6 November) for the second set of criteria.

4. G. Wilson will send a column formatted document with the current criteria in the left column and nothing in the right hand column. Changes should be made where needed in the right hand column to facilitate analyses of the changes. She will also send an electronic version of the comments to the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Addendum: The minutes of October 8, 2009 state:

“Course proposals: Consumer Culture. Committee is asking for clarification on some items and will review the proposal again after the revisions. We may ask one of the proposers to attend a future meeting if need be.”

I met with Lisa Sculli and reported to the committee the changes she had made and the committee approved the course (LBST 499 Consumer Culture) and the three proposers (Lisa Sculli, Varinder Sharma, and Rajendar Garg).