

Liberal Studies Committee Minutes

30 August, 2012

3:30 p.m.

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Present: Y. Asamoah, L. Evering, M. Florez, M. Hildebrandt, M. Knoch, D. Pistole,
E. Ratliff, R. Sweeny, M. Swinker,

Excused: E. Hwang, F. Slack, J. Tomlinson

For Information:

136b GEOG/RGPL 103 Global Cities: issues in Planning and Development

154 FCSE 143 Financial Wellness

156 GEOS 201 Foundations of Geology

For Action:

Motion to approve the minutes of 3 my, 2012 Ratliff/Florez – Passed – unanimous.

II. For Discussion

1. The committee discussed the Liberal Study Electives category of the new curriculum. The current criteria have Expected Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes for one of the “old” competencies across the curriculum (Global Citizenship, Information Literacy, Oral Communication, Quantitative Reasoning, Scientific Literacy, and Technological Literacy) but not for the category as a whole. We discussed developing a common theme for all LS Elective courses.

2. The previous guidelines for LS Electives stated they must meet the general requirements for any Liberal Studies course. The committee felt that we need to reestablish this concept for the new curriculum. To that end, Evering and Pistole will develop a set of Expected Undergraduate Student Learning Outcomes for the LS Electives by next week’s meeting. They will also explore the possibility of adding criteria for the section(s) “proposals for courses designed to address LS Electives must include” and/or “are encouraged to include”. In addition, Pistole will seek input from the former LS Director and Assistant Director about this issue.

3. The committee discussed the issue of creating a clear demarcation between the LS Elective category of Global Citizenship and the separate category of Global and Multicultural Awareness (GMA). It was noted that the Global Citizenship description was much more detailed than the description for the GMA. Asamoah and Hildebrandt will develop an edited version of these criteria for discussion at the next LS Committee meeting.

Motion to Adjourn: Evering/Sweeny. Approved Unanimous – the meeting adjourned at 5:00.