

**Minutes**  
**University Wide Undergraduate Curriculum Committee**  
**Tuesday, November 30, 2010**  
**15 Leonard Hall**

I. Call to order

In attendance: Baumler, Boser, Deckert, Hyde, Intemann, Knight, Lewis, Metz, McCombie, Migyanka, Muchtar, Potts, Sechrist, Turner, Rost

Guests: Broad, Hildebrant, Hwang, Korn, Pistole, Rivera, Slack, Swinker, Whacker, Wilson

II. On a Hyde/Knight motion the minutes from the November 16, 2010 meeting were approved.

III. Co-Chairs Report:

A. No report

IV. Items for Review/Possible Action:

A. Discussion of the makeup of members of the Liberal Studies Committee

- David Pistole reviewed his previous meeting with the UWUCC and how the 2 committees are to be working together according to the original guidelines.
- Pistole will be added to UWUCC as a non-voting member in the spring and will run for Senate next year.
- Need to tighten up some language to clarify things in the guidelines.
- APSCUF has suggested Liberal Studies Committee (LSC) members should be elected rather than appointed
- Korn expressed concerns about the fact that LSC members are appointed by Deans who are then approved by APSCUF and Senate Chair
- Intemann expressed that he would not appoint someone that APSCUF and Senate turns down
- Broad spoke about how LSC has been perceived to be operating outside the structure of agreement about curriculum forged by Senate and APSCUF.
- Swinker expressed that she views LSC as similar to Dept. and College Curriculum Committees, which also are generally not elected.
- Should the College Curriculum Committees also be under the structure of Senate?
- The two committees have drifted apart - get back to what is specified in the guidelines.
- Hyde suggested LSC members be elected by the college, rather than being appointed, with APSCUF, Senate, and Provost having veto power.
- Most Colleges put out a call for members to serve on the committee. What about the Colleges that don't operate that way? Maybe that can be addressed in revising the guidelines.
- If committee members are appointed, then they are appointed by administration. If elected, then they are elected by faculty who is supposed to control curriculum.
- Why is the LSC opposed to being elected by faculty? It would increase transparency.
  - Concern that a faction of faculty that might get elected may not have the best interest of a LS curriculum in mind
  - Size of committee is too small – changing membership every 2 years would hurt continuity
- How did the 2 committees drift apart?
- It was acknowledged that a lot of the current distrust of the LSC stems from the process of the revision and the Liberal Studies Revision Steering Committee. Many people do not understand that there were two separate committees.
- The "For Information" part of the Liberal Studies Report needs to be changed so the UWUCC has a better understanding of what was approved.
- Wilson proposed working on the language in the guidelines with UWUCC and Rules for a year. If that doesn't work than pursue electing committee members.

- Does UWUCC have enough personnel to review everything the LS Committee approves?
- Answer was probably yes, since the number of new LBST courses is relatively small.

#### B. Liberal Studies Framework

- State System has approved 40 cr. minimum for general education vs. old 48 cr.
- Academic Council has suggested dropping First Year Experience, Oral Communication, Synthesis, and the competencies across the curriculum.
- Suggesting 43-46 cr. range at this point
- Change Non-western to Global and Multi-Cultural
- English 101 – 3 cr.
- Natural Science 7-8 cr.
- Gradually all of the LS courses would need to be brought in line to meet the new student learning outcomes
- We have student learning outcomes and criteria for the general LS sections already approved.
- How does UWUCC feel about reducing LS by 5 cr.? About 116 programs have more than 48 LS hrs. and ~50 have the minimum of 48.
- Boser asked what about the assessment data specific to student learning outcomes that has been gathered in the past 3 years? What do we do well, and what needs to be revised should be looked at?
- With changes in the framework, it must be voted on again by UWUCC and Senate.
- LSC will come up with draft proposals and bring it to UWUCC in the near future.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Lou Metz