Liberal Arts Program Committee Minutes
March 7, 2008

Members Present: Chuck Booth, Ann Higginbotham, Carol Williams, Bob Wolf, David Belles, Richard Jones-Bamman, Delar Singh, Gail Gelburd, Nanette Tummers
Meeting called to order at 9:05

1. Approval of Minutes of 2/29 (1 abstention)

2. Announcements:
   • SCSU Assessment conference: Nanette Tummers will present and Critical Thinking sub-committee of LAPC will present
   • Senate Executive Committee: Will present bill revising Senate By-Laws, with changes to Senate Committee membership requirements.
   • Curriculum Committee: no report
   • Academic Affairs: discussion about Math 098 and the Associates Degree Program
   • First Year Program Committee: Need approximately 35 clusters for all students, more have been submitted. Peter Bachiochi & Jones- Bamman are preparing an assessment tool for the colloquia; Committee is re-examining the one credit FYR course.
   • Implementation Team: Will be up to each department to build into banner what Tier II courses will be used for each graduation track.

Old Business:
3. Technology Literacy Requirements:
   Letters went out to students who took the self-assessment tests & what they now need to do. The results suggest that there needs to be more discussion about the need for a University-wide test.

4. Articulation Meeting:
   A meeting with community colleges regarding Tier 1 courses was held. . Representatives from Tunxis & Quinnebaug Valley Community Colleges and Kim Krone from admissions were present.
   We need a clear procedure for clarifying transfer articulation, which should then come before LAPC. They want to create “pathways” to Eastern. Discussion was about Community Colleges and their core courses. They were enthusiastic about mapping their courses in relation to ours.
   The suggestion was made that we can have them submit our forms to have a course accepted.
   A suggestion was made to possibly include reps of the community colleges in the meetings being held by discipline within CSU for the purpose of discussing common course numbering.
   The Maryland system is being held as a model and represents a national trend. The key to the success in Maryland was that it involved faculty and a suggestion
was made to link faculty from each department at Eastern to those at the Community Colleges.

5. Resubmitted Courses:  
   Ant 221 (Jones-Bamman, Gelburd) approved, 1 abstention

New Business:

6. History Courses:  
The History department requests to take His 230 & 231 out of Historical Perspectives Tier I because it believes that it is more relevant for Tier II.  
Motion to temporarily remove His 230 & 231 from Tier I Historical Perspectives pending resubmission for Tier II Cultural Perspectives (Booth, Wolf) approved, 1 abstention

7. New Course Approvals  
   EDU 110  
   (Jones-Bamman, Singh) approved

8. It was reiterated that there needs to be a clear connection between Tier goals and objectives on the form, and those stated on all the syllabi.  
LAP instruction sheet does mandate that it clearly states the Tier learning outcomes.

9. Meeting Scheduled for next Friday at 3:00 in Webb 258 to review more courses.

10. Working with Joel Rosienne on having a forum for faculty who are doing Info Tech courses.

11. Need the discussion about a Forum for Tier III to be on the agenda for next time

Adjourned 10:40: (Wolf, Belles)

Minutes Respectfully Submitted  
Gail Gelburd, 3/7/08; rev sb 3/14/08  
Approved: 3/14/08 with minor addition

Next meeting: 3/14/08 at 9 AM and 3PM