Liberal Arts Program Committee
Minutes
16 October 2006

Members Present: Chuck Booth, Sandy Brooks, Hope Cook, Richard Jones-Bamman, Gail Gelburd, Maggie Martin, Carol Williams, Bob Wolf

1. Review of minutes of October 9, 2006
Motion made (Booth, Jones-Bamman) and approved to accept minutes as submitted.

Old Business

2. Honors Program
Members discussed the tabled motion to suggest to the Honors Program an approach that would link its required courses to LAC course categories. Phillip Elliott’s position on the matter should be understood prior to accepting this. A motion (Booth, Jones-Bamman) was accepted to postpone indefinitely the matter until clarification is received.

3. LAC Course Submission Process
The Committee discussed alternative approaches to the course submission process recognizing that faculty opinion regarding LAC forms varied widely. The Committee reiterated its sense that LAC category learning outcomes must be addressed by every course approved. Potential alternative approaches included allowing one or more of the tier outcomes to be achieved; identifying priorities as letters (categorical indicators) rather than numbers; and providing narrative descriptions of the methods used to address the outcomes and evaluate student learning.

The committee discussed the assessment process which it expects to be included in the APRC cycle. Courses will be re-submitted for approval in the LAC related to this cycle.

New Business

No new business was conducted.

Next Meeting: 16 October 2006

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin, Chair