Liberal Arts Program Committee
Minutes
23 October 2006

Members Present: Chuck Booth, Sandy Brooks, Hope Cook, Richard Jones-Bamman, Gail Gelburd, Maggie Martin, Delar Singh, Nanette Tummers, Carol Williams, Bob Wolf, Carmen Cid, ex officio.

1. Review of minutes of October 16, 2006
Motion made (Jones-Bamman, Cook) and approved to accept minutes as submitted.

2. Announcements
   a. Connecticut Quality Improvement Award awarded to the development of the new liberal arts curriculum
   b. Netcopia: members have been invited to test this blog/wiki for use for internal committee and faculty discussion and posting of documents related to the LAC

Old Business

3. Meeting Time
Members discussed the current meeting time and proposed times for next semester. The fall LAPC meetings will change from Mondays, 9-11 to Wednesdays, 8-10 in Webb 258. Spring 2007 meetings will be held on Monday, 8-10.

4. LAC Course Submission Process
   a. Course Approval Approach
      Members discussed the proposed Senate resolution that would permit temporary approval of LAC courses for one year. Difficulties raised by Curriculum Committee, including their lack of policies to exercise temporary approval were also discussed. Members raised concerns about the need to resubmit courses next year and proposed that the LAPC rely on the currently approved language, employed in Curriculum Committee forms, that requested information about how student learning would be assessed and the activities employed to achieve the program objectives. This approach would not require any Senate action or second course submission. Departments can submit narratives to support their applications.
      b. Faculty for a Faculty workshops to assist in the development of course proposals will be held. Members of the LAPC will be available for consultation, to learn how faculty are presenting their courses, and to encourage sharing of ideas. Rooms and dates will be secured for these.

New Business

5. Assessment Committee

6. LAC Policies Senate Bill

7. ICE Working Groups and Task Groups
   a. Approval of new Critical Thinking Working Group composition
   b. Reports of working groups and discussion of recommendations and next steps
      1. Information Literacy
      2. Critical Thinking
      3. Communications
      4. Ethics

8. Transfer Student Policies

9. Writing Board Clarification

10. Faculty Development Activities – CEE
11. Capacity Planning

12. University Relations

13. Support Staff Development

No new business was conducted.

Next Meeting: 16 October 2006

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin, Chair