Members Present:


1. Review of minutes of October 23, 2006. Motion made (Jones-Bamman, Wolf) and approved.

Old Business

2. Announcements
   a. Member tasks
      Nanette Tummers has agreed to work with University Relations regarding publications for the LAC and Carol Williams agreed to work with University administrators to develop implementation plans. Richard Jones-Bamman will continue to work with the First Year Program Committee.
   
   b. Meeting November 8
      Because Maggie has a prior commitment on November 8 committee members agreed to cancel this meeting and work on individual tasks.

3. LAC Course Submission Process
   a. Faculty workshops
      Three faculty workshops have been scheduled and announced during the next week. LAPC members will be present to discuss the course submission process. Delar Singh drafted a preliminary rubric to provide examples of learning activities and evaluation mechanisms.
   
   b. Our process for approval
      The Curriculum Committee is likely to have their course forms posted soon. Once this is completed departments may begin the process of course submission.

New Business

4. LAC Policies Senate Bill
   The LAPC proposed policies to substitute for current GER policies are posted on our website and have been announced to faculty for their review. These policies stipulate that majors may request specific courses to substitute for LAC categories; identify how students may seek waivers; the processes for new course and course modification approvals; and other matters. There are only three remaining Senate meetings (Nov 7, 21, and Dec 5) this semester. It is unlikely that these policies could be voted upon on December 5 as a bill must be introduced one meeting prior to a Senate vote. Because included in the policies is a new mechanism to allow the LAPC to grant one-semester approval for a LAC course, it is imperative that the policy be approved no later than February 2007 to insure that sufficient courses be included in the Tier I category for fall 2007. Gail Gelburd will bring this matter to the Senate Executive Committee.

5. Transfer Student Policies
   Committee members reviewed a preliminary analysis of the effect of the LAC on transfer students who entered ECSU with 60+ credits. Without the waivers granted in the GER (one laboratory science, Health and Physical Education and GER Category 1A) the cohort entering the LAC may require slightly more LAC credits to be taken at Eastern than their predecessors. A population of 123 such transfers in fall 2005 transferred in an average of 26 GER credits or 61% of the GER. The proportion projected for the LAC is less certain however with 46 LAC credits (rather than 43 GER credits) a similar cohort may transfer in 25 LAC credits or 54% of the LAC. There are many unanswered questions and uncertainties about waivers for this group. Richard Jones-Bamman will bring the issue of waiving the Liberal Arts Colloquium to the First Year Program Committee for their deliberation.

6. Writing Board Clarification
   It was brought to our attention that although the LAPC could approve courses for the College Writing category of the LAC, that the University Writing Board has the authority to approve courses to meet the University
writing requirements, which are expected to be satisfied by the LAC College Writing category. The LAPC agreed to clarify its position in this matter.

The LAPC acknowledges the existing regulations regarding the University writing requirement and has no intention to supplant these in our policies or practices (Booth, Martin). Approved.

7. ICE Working Groups and Task Groups
   Critical Thinking Working Group composition
   Fred Loxsom has stepped down as chair of this working group. He has nominated a new chair, Cathy Tannahill, and recommended the addition of two new faculty to the working group. These are: Jamel Ostwald and Doncho Petkov. A motion was made (Brooks, Singh) and approved to accept these changes.

Next Meeting: 15 November 2006

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin, Chair