Minutes of the Liberal Arts Program Committee
11/17/08

Members Present: Chuck Booth, Richard Jones-Bamman, David Stoloff, Bob Wolf, Ann Higginbotham, Sandy Brooks, Carol Williams, Delar Singh

1. Review of minutes of 11/10/08 – accepted (Wolf; Higginbotham)

2. Announcements, Reports and Correspondence

2a. Senate Executive Committee – The proposal to make changes to the First Year Program was discussed. The issue of 4 credit courses came up.
2b. Curriculum Committee – They are still looking at the issue of “embedded” credits in minor programs.
2d. First Year Program – see “new business”
2e. Implementation Team – The proposal to make changes to the First Year Program was discussed. It was noted that the downturn in the economy may result in more applications to state schools; ECSU applications are up 46%. The Team is working on getting the appropriate number of seats in the appropriate number of sections of each tier and category to meet student needs for Spring 09. For example, Tier 2 Creative Expressions courses are full; Tier 2 Individuals & Societies may be short seats; Tier I social science courses seem to have plenty of seats available.

3. Resubmitted courses:
   SOC 346 – tabled for pre-requisite (Jones-Bamman; Higginbotham)
   SWK 311 – substitution request tabled (Higginbotham; Jones-Bamman)

New Business

4. Review of newly submitted courses:
   SOC 307 – full and temporary approval (Higginbotham; Wolf)
   ENG 326 - tabled for pre-requisite (Higginbotham; Singh)

5. First Year Program Senate Bill – Two issues discussed were the idea of allowing part-time faculty to teach in clusters if recommended by their department (but not the FYR piece), and the issue of allowing non-LAC courses to be part of clusters.

Adjourn (Singh; Wolf)
Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Brooks, 11/21/08
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