Liberal Arts Program Committee
Minutes
6 March 2006

Members Present: Chuck Booth, Hope Cook, Maggie Martin, Bill Salka, Delar Singh, Bob Wolf

1. Review and acceptance, with minor revisions, of draft minutes of 27 February 2006 (Booth, Singh)

2. ICE Working Groups
   a. Reports of working groups
      i. Information Literacy
         The meeting was postponed until later this week.
      ii. Communications
         This group will meet on March 6.
      iii. Critical Thinking
         The meeting was cancelled due to the snowstorm and will be rescheduled.
      iv. Ethics
         The next meeting is scheduled for March 6 at 2:00 p.m.

   b. Next joint meeting of chairs and liaisons: March 6, 11:00 a.m.

Old Business

3. Implementation plans
   a. Faculty survey
      One response, from the Political Science program, has been received. Other departments are discussing their offerings and will submit surveys by March 15.

   b. Liberal Arts Colloquia
      Anne Dawson, chair of the First Year Program Committee, has indicated that the FYPC would like to schedule a meeting of faculty who will host the LAQ fall pilots. The LAPC discussed our involvement. We would like to jointly host this meeting to insure that there is clarity in the direction provided to faculty and to continue shaping these seminars.

4. New Policies and Procedures
   a. Approval forms and process
      The LAPC discussed the development of course submission forms in conjunction with the Curriculum Committee. LAPC forms should be linked to Curriculum Committee forms. Departments must provide an explanation for how the course fulfills the outcomes of the LAC category and tier. There should be forms that include all of the expected outcomes in each area. A visual display of the course submission and approval process should be developed. The LAPC will receive course proposals simultaneously with the CC (when electronic submission is in place) and will review and approve LAC courses before review by the CC.

   b. Policies
      The committee reviewed proposed new policies for the transition period (GER to LAC), internal committee procedures, LAC assessment and review, relationships with majors, and student procedures. The review is ongoing.

New Business

5. Announcements
   a. Upcoming meetings
      i. ICE Working Groups
      ii. Student Government Association
6. Responsibility for Technological Literacy Competency Assessment
   Dean Cid and Maggie Martin met with the Computer Science faculty to discuss their plans for transition from the GER to the LAC. The faculty will explore options related to continuation of CSC 100. Faculty expressed some willingness to provide information about the technological literacy preparatory competency but suggested that a multi-disciplinary committee be established to set standards and recommend testing procedures. The LAPC discussed whether this should be created as a joint Arts and Sciences and Education and Professional Studies committee or recommend that the issue be brought to Senate Executive Committee for referral, possibly to the Academic Affairs Committee. A final recommendation will be made at the next LAPC meeting.

Next meeting 13 March 2006

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin, Chair