Liberal Arts Program Committee
Minutes
13 March 2006

Members Present: Chuck Booth, Hope Cook, Maggie Martin, David Pellegrini, Delar Singh, Carol Williams, Carmen Cid (ex-officio)

1. Review and acceptance of draft minutes of 6 March 2006 (Cook, Singh)

2. Reports on meetings
   a. ICE Working Group Chairs and Liaisons
      Working group chairs and liaisons met to discuss progress toward goals. All working groups are progressing toward refining definitions of the areas and addressing possible curriculum elements. The group planned faculty presentations from each of the groups on the day of the University meeting.
   b. SGA
      Maggie met with members of the Student Government Association to describe the new liberal arts curriculum. Students engaged in a lively discussion about the implications and opportunities of the new Liberal Arts Program. They were invited to work with the LAPC to further develop the program and prepare for implementation.
   c. Computer Science Faculty
      Dean Cid and Maggie met with the Computer Science faculty to discuss their plan for phasing out the current general education requirements and the need to establish a mechanism to assess student preparatory competencies for the new LAP.

3. ICE Working Groups
   a. Critical Thinking
      The group met recently to refine their latest document which defines critical thinking at ECSU.
   b. Information Literacy
      The group will meet today.
   c. Ethics
      The working group discussed the faculty survey and continued to discuss assessment mechanisms.
   d. Communications
      No report at this time.

Old Business

4. Responsibility for Technological Literacy Competency Assessment
   The committee discussed the approach to developing a task group to propose an assessment mechanism for the new LAC. The group agreed that to promote a speedy response that the LAPC will issue a call to faculty to volunteer to sit on a task group to identify the information technology preparatory competencies, and recommend testing and remediation approaches. The committee will seek diverse representation from the faculty.

5. Implementation plans
   a. Faculty survey
      Three department chairs have submitted information about Tier I courses. The survey is due March 15.
   b. Liberal Arts Colloquia
      The FYPC would like to co-host with the LAPC a meeting of new colloquia faculty to plan for fall 2006 pilots. The committee is enthusiastic about co-hosting this meeting.
New Business

6. Information Literacy Test
The Information Literacy Working Group has asked the LAPC to discuss the opportunity to test the ETS information literacy test during April of this year. The test is in its final stages of development and will be free. The group discussed the advantages of attempting to use this test, including access to baseline data, as well as the disadvantages, including difficulty in finding the rooms, computers, students and time, to host the test. The LAPC recommended that the opportunity be presented to Peter Bachiochi, new assessment coordinator. He may be able to work with the Office of Planning and Institutional Research in hosting this pilot.

Next Meeting: 27 March 2006

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin, Chair