Members Present: Chuck Booth, Sandy Brooks, Ann Higginbotham, Maggie Martin, Nanette Tummers, Bob Wolf

1. Review of minutes of 24 September 2007
   Minutes of the LAPC meeting of 24 September 2007 were reviewed and accepted as presented (Booth, Wolf). 5 yes, 1 abstention

2. New committee members
   Ann Higginbotham was welcomed to the LAPC as the Senate representative for 2007-2008. Douglas Kaufman joined the committee briefly to indicate that at that time he nominated himself for the position to replace Delar Singh, who is on sabbatical for fall 2007, it was not clear in the Senate procedure that the position was a one-semester, temporary replacement. Doug has declined to assume the position for one semester. We will request that a new Senate election be held, clearly indicating that the replacement is a temporary, one-semester position.

3. Announcements and Reports
   Senate Executive Committee
   Election for LAPC positions has been held. Ann Higginbotham has agreed to give the LAPC report at Senate.

   Curriculum Committee
   All pending LAPC courses have been acted upon.

   Implementation Team
   Kim Crone indicated that the incoming class of first-time, first year students has 826 students and 51 SPOA (summer proof of ability) students. The definition of first-time, first year students, the population eligible for the LAC, is a student who has never attended a college following high school graduation. Eastern has admitted 392 transfer students in fall 2007.

   The group discussed the difficulty of scheduling enough colloquia and rooms for these for spring 2008. Feedback from the Academic Vice President will be sought.

Old Business

4. LAC implementation
   a. Information Technology
      At least 90% of the first year students have completed the Tech-Sett test. Alex Citurs is compiling data and will meet with the Technology Task Group soon to discuss standards and next steps.

   b. Departmental LAC category substitutions
      A form for LAC course substitutions was reviewed and approved with minor modification (Wolf, Higginbotham).

5. LAC Policies
   Policies related to minors
   More information from departments and faculty is needed regarding minors and the LAC. No policy regarding minors has been enacted as the committee chose to maintain the current policy which allowed minors to determine which courses within the GER may also be counted for the minor. Some faculty have requested that a uniform policy be stated regarding the LAC. A suggestion is to allow minors to double-count one, two or three LAC courses within a minor. Feedback from faculty and department chairs will be sought.
6. Course Approvals
The committee reviewed the request by the Honors Program to change the proposed course number of HON 201 to HON 130 to better reflect its equivalence to LAP 130. The course was unanimously approved to satisfy Tier I, Liberal Arts Colloquium (Booth, Tummers).

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the LAPC on October 1 will be exclusively for course review and approval.

New Business

No new business was conducted.

Minutes respectfully submitted,

Maggie Martin