Liberal Education Program Committee
Minutes
Wednesday, September 29, 2010
3:25-5:25

In attendance: Lisa Lancor (chair), Armen Marsoobian, David Levine, Mike Shea, John DaPonte, Terri Bennett, Joe Fields, Jim Tait, Jim Rauschenbach, Polly Beals (ex-officio), Nicole Henderson (ex-officio)
Guest: Elena Schmitt

Minutes by N. Henderson

The committee welcomed Jim Rauschenbach, new LEPC representative from the School of Education.

1. Quick Business
   a. Minutes approved as amended (to include motion) unanimously.
   b. Chairperson’s Update
      Reported that a faculty member has raised questions about whether a Tech Fluency (TF) course can be proposed as a 4-credit course. Committee recommends TF courses proposed be 3-credits based on concerns about increasing the total # of credits for students; however, faculty can propose a 4-credit course.
   c. Director’s Update
      The Director met with the Provost Williams and Dean Fredeen and discussed strategies for ensuring that there will be enough sections of Critical Thinking (CT) courses for fall 2011. Director will actively recruit faculty.

2. Presentation of World Language Proposal by Elena Schmitt, Chairperson, World Language and Literatures (WLL)

   Elena Schmitt provided a further explanation of the proposed changes to the WLL sequence, providing LEPC members with the ACTFL proficiency guidelines for proficiency that WLL is adopting. Concerns were raised about the number of WLL courses some students would have to take, the cost to the student of the STAMP test, whether data was available to know this type of information. Elena emphasized that this proposal was based on proficiency rather than “seat time.”

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm.