Liberal Education Program Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 4, 2013

3:25– 4:45pm – ASC 201

Meeting Minutes

Present: Wes O’Brien, David Petroski, Joe Fields, Elliott Horch, Deb Weiss (chair), Polly Beals, Wendy Hardenberg (recording), Scott Graves, Mike Shea, Jim Tait, Liz Keenan

Call to Order: 3:35 p.m.

Announcements
  • University-wide meeting about LEP sponsored by Faculty Development, ASC Ballroom, October 4, 8:30-2:00; food provided

Approval of Minutes, April 17, 2013
  • Approved unanimously

Committee and Ad Hoc reports
  • Affinity groups – update, Polly Beals
  • Polly wants to hold a meeting of AG coordinators
  • WAC
  • The new WAC GA position has been funded and filled. The GA has been assigned to 2 W-courses (one in English and one in Psychology). Deb Carroll has been working on a brief writing rubric for LEP instructors. The new WAC GA position has been funded and filled. The GA has been assigned to 2 W-courses (one in English and one in Psychology). Deb Carroll has been working on a brief writing rubric for LEP instructors.

Old Business
  • Natural World Affinity Group request, follow up.
    • Changes to Affinity Group document were approved in UCF last spring
    • Meeting has been set up for 9/11/13 between Deb, Polly and Matt Enjalran (chair, Natural World affinity group) to discuss the LEPC’s non-agreement with that group’s recommendation that NW courses have a minimum of 24 hours of laboratory or field experience.

New Business
  • Election of Chairperson
• Deb elected unanimously
• Election of Secretary
  • Wendy appointed unanimously
• Committee members needed for Schools of Education and Business
  • Deb will approach faculty from those schools about names of people who might be interested
• Committee meeting day/time for 2014-2015
  • Deb proposed that the LEPC meetings take place during the standard time slot for UCF standing committees, every second Thursday from 9:35-10:50am.
  • Following discussion of pros and cons related to this issue, Mike Shea, seconded by Dave Petroski made a motion that the change be approved.
  • The motion was carried with 6 in favor and 1 opposed

• Open session to discuss and prioritize new business for fall 2013. Some suggestions are:
  • Southern’s 30 credit “package” for transfer to other ConnSCU facilities
    We’re not being pressured to do this, but it still might be something we should do to help our students (and comply with the law).
  • Articulation agreements with ConnSCU facilities for 6 floating credits from TAP Section B
    This is a priority issue
  • TAP learning outcomes and incorporation into LEP
    This is part of the legislation; our students need to meet these outcomes as well; Polly has requested assistance with this.
  • Presentation of Version 3 LEP Document incorporating changes from 2012-2013
  • LEP Assessment – Michael Ben-Avie to be invited to LEPC meeting
  • Course caps in LEP
    Deans are presenting statistics that imply that research demonstrates that larger class sizes are not pedagogically different than smaller classes. Several members questioned the soundness of this research.
  • Joe has researched the issue of effects of class size and will present a summary at the next meeting.
  • Ex-officio attendance

○ Adjournment: 4:45 p.m.