Liberal Education Program Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 11, 2014

9:35– 10:50 am – Adanti Student Center room 308

Meeting Minutes

Present: Deb Weiss (chair), Joe Fields (recording), Wes O’Brien, Nicole Henderson, Dave Petroski, Cindy Simoneau, Siham Doughman, Kim Laing, Wendy Hardenberg, Yilma Gebremariam, Beena Achhpal, Deborah Carroll, Scott Graves, Polly Beals, Mike Shea

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- **Call to Order:** 9:40 a.m.
- **Announcements**
  - Yilma Gebremariam said that he was supposed to serve on UWIC but he is happy to continue temporarily as the Business school’s representative on LEPC.
  - Wes O’Brien provided information about a charity fund-raising event that he and his daughter are organizing to benefit the Smilow Cancer Hospital. It takes place on 10/1 5:30 to 9 at the New Haven Country Club, 160 Hartford Tpk, Hamden CT. Tix are 50.00.
  - Mike Shea advised members that an article about SCSU’s involvement with the former Gateway Community College site at Long Wharf has appeared in the New Haven Register.

- **Committee and Ad Hoc reports**
  - Wes O’Brien – LEP director – Wes met recently with Marianne Kennedy and Michael Ben-Avie who expressed concerns about the LEP’s web presence. Wes will make improving the LEP website his first priority. Another priority will be assessment. A final priority is looking at options for streamlining the LEP (reducing the overall number of credits) especially in light of the pressure to have “most” programs be limited to 120 credits.
  - WAC Report – Deb Carroll reported that Southern will be participating in a multi-state collaborative study. They will be using AAC&U rubrics to evaluate student writing from a variety of institutions including SCSU. The WAC GA is working on this. WAC has a new student worker – Myra – who will be updating the WAC website. Finally, as WAC also meets in this timeslot, Deb will need to leave early today. She will attend LEPC meetings that do not conflict with WAC meetings.
Elections/Appointments

- Polly Beals self-nominated for the position of LEPC chair. There were no other nominations. Polly was elected by acclamation.
- Wendy Hardenberg volunteered to continue as LEPC secretary.

New Business

- Deb Weiss presented information on the TAP motion regarding a Common Transfer “Package” from all Community Colleges to CSUs or COSC.
- The committee discussed priorities for the coming year.

Adjournment: 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Fields

Approved 5-1-0.