Liberal Education Program Committee

Special Meeting

April 20, 2015

ASC 305

Meeting Minutes

Present: Wes O’Brien, Jim Tait, Deb Weiss, Mike Shea, Cindy Simoneau, Beena Acchpal, Polly Beals (chair), Wendy Hardenberg (recording), Dave Petroski. Nicole Henderson

- Call to Order: 12:01 p.m.
- Planning for possible major changes to LEP
  - Wes met with Dean Breese, Nicole Henderson, and Bruce Kalk over spring break, and they want to raise course caps in INQ and CT, plus probably WC, unless LEPC comes up with another scheme
    - Dean Breese claims that if weren’t for the size of the LEP, then there’d be no reason to increase course caps
    - If we were able to reduce the MC requirement and remove another three credits somehow, Dean Breese would promise not to increase the course caps and might even reduce them (also no increase with just MC change)
  - Our principles and cornerstones
    - Small class sizes in Tier 1 and small enough class sizes in Tier 2 to reinforce writing, critical thinking, and another competency
- Providing a liberal education for informed citizens
- Transfer friendliness and TAP alignment
  - Consultations about changes should be addressed within affinity groups rather than by department
- Suggested Actions
  - We talk about this today and set up an agenda for next year
  - The Menu
    - 3–6 credit reduction, via Tier 1, 2, or 3
      - Choose 5/6 out of 7 non-science Tier 2s
      - Embed certain Tier 1 competencies, such as TF or CT, perhaps on a similar model to the W courses
      - Eliminate Tier 3
    - Support for Super sections
      - Discussion sections or TAs
- Adjournment: 1:29 p.m.