Liberal Education Program Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 17, 2016

9:35-10:50 in SCI 319

Present: Polly Beals (chair), Karen Burke, Resha Cardone, Yilma Gebremariam, Nicole Henderson, Elliott Horch, Liz Keenan, Wes O’Brien, David Pettigrew, Mike Shea, and Jim Tait

Meeting called to order at 9:38

Announcements: reports on votes and discussions at UCF regarding LEP credit reduction.

Old Business:

1. Further discussion about the “Conditions and Resources for LEP Credit Reduction” document. Agreed 5-0-1 to remove item #6 about providing resources to have peer mentors in INQ classes. Nicole indicated that peer mentors are funded through Student Affairs, not Academic Affairs, making it less of within the purview of LEP/INQ and more within the Freshman Year Experience. That said, LEPC agrees that peer mentors and valuable and supports continued resources for them.

2. Report from Elliott Horch on data about students in high enrollment classes (super-sections). His findings corroborate the independent data analysis of Rick Riccardi that students earn lower grades in super-sections.

   a. Discussion of further edits to the conditions document based on the data and interpretation, including qualitative assessments of student-faculty interactions in super-sections.

Meeting adjourned at 10:44 by a fire evacuation of the Science Building.