

FCLLAL MINUTES

October 14, 2005

All committee members present except Terilyn Goins. Also present Mary Sellen (University Librarian), Peter Knipp (representative of Faculty Senate) and Jean Filetti.

After approval of minutes from Sept. Meeting, the following items were discussed.

1). Pre-requisites for 330 and 400 level AOI courses that currently do not have a prerequisite.

Tracey Schwarze reported on the discussions the Faculty Senate had around this issue. Taking into consideration that the biggest concern of that body was that freshmen students might take these upper-level courses without being fully prepared for them, and also wanting to prevent students from putting off 223 courses until well after their sophomore year, the Faculty Senate recommended that the policy be as follows:

“For 300 and 400 level AOI courses that have no prerequisite, the prerequisite or co-requisite should be a 223 course.”

After some discussion among the members of FCLLAL, the committee agreed to take this matter back to their respective departments and take the matter up again at our next meeting on November 11th.

2). Reports from FYS and AOI Sub-committees

Each committee gave a short report on the course proposals they reviewed, after which all FCLLAL approved the adoption of courses previously approved by each subcommittee.

3). Double-Dipping between Foundation courses and AOI courses.

The sub-committee on double-dipping recommended the following:

“No course submitted by a student for graduation to satisfy a Liberal Learning Foundations requirement may also be submitted to satisfy an Area of Inquiry requirement.”

After a brief discussion, this recommendation was approved by FCLLAL.

4). FCLLAL as a standing committee.

As FCLLAL already is a standing committee, the sub-committee reported on two questions, the composition of FCLLAL and the role of FCLLAL.

With regards to the first it was decided (after considerable discussion) that

“The Faculty Council on Liberal Learning and Academic Life (FCLLAL) shall consist of a representative elected from and by each academic department and either the Registrar or the Director of Academic Advising (or their designee) (non-voting). The Provost is an *ex officio* member of the council.”

With regards to the role of FCLLAL, the council:

- 1) reports to the Assistant Dean for Liberal Learning, the Faculty Senate, and the Provost, as appropriate;
- 2) recommends changes in the Liberal Learning Core;
- 3) determines the theme for the First Year Seminar and the Common Reading;
- 4) considers all aspects of the implementation of the Liberal Learning Core;
- 5) works with the Director of Assessment in assessing and evaluating the Liberal Learning Core.

In addition to these recommendations, the sub-committee report also included a lengthy description of the process by which a proposal becomes a course (see sheet handed out in the meeting). Below is graphic representation of this process (thanks to Peter Knipp).

Dept-→CLAS/SoB-→UCC-→FCLLAL-→Senate-→Provost

The exceptions to this process are FYS courses which go from the dept. directly to FCLLAL and then from there directly to the Provost.

5). Report of the Assistant Dean of Liberal Learning

-Bobbie Bartels reminded the committee that within the liberal learning emphasis, the 2 courses taken can be from two different disciplines. FCLLAL members should share this information with their departments.

-The scheduling of FYS courses continues and should be completed shortly

-FCLLAL members should not accept further FYS or AOI proposals for review unless the proposal is forwarded by the Assistant Dean for Liberal Learning.

-Further FYS and AOI proposals will be distributed to the various subcommittees near the beginning of each month.

-The Assistant Dean also distributed a packet entitled “Greater Expectations” which comes from Dean Gordon with the suggestion that FCLLAL members should have a look at it in their copious free time.

6). CNU Values Forum-

The discussion of this will be continued over email, should any member of FCLLAL need a copy, just let Bobbye, Phil or Michael know.

Next meeting- November 11th at 4PM.