

# Liberal Studies Review Committee

Wednesday, November 16, 2011

10:00 a.m. ED 316

**Members Present:** Kim Morin, Susan Schlievert, Marilyn Shelton, Breannah Evans, Nan Barker, Janell Morillo, Rajee Amarasinghe, Jim Mullooly, Paul Crosbie, Jim Marshall, Lisa Nyberg, Robert Powell

Guests: Jody Hironaka-Juteau, Esther Rodriguez

The meeting was called to order at about 10:10 am.

## Approval of the Minutes

The meeting minutes were approved as corrected.

## Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved.

## Announcements

- 1. Liberal Studies Advisory Board Report-** Turnout was low with about 10 members showing. However, there was great discussion and input. West Hills, Reedley College and Fresno City College were represented at the meeting. The conference will be hosted at Fresno State. It will be more student-oriented and will take place around the middle of March. Focus will be on pathways to teaching and “why elementary teaching?” Giveaways will be more activity oriented such as Basketball and theater tickets. It was discussed that the intro teaching classes, teacher clubs and organizations, and all Liberal Studies majors be invited to the conference as well as the other associated majors such as Child Development. Nan Barker also suggested the Recreation Administration and other associated majors be invited as well because of their affiliation to the teaching profession as teachers and activity directors. Online registration may be an avenue for receiving R.S.V.P’s. Jim Marshall suggested buses for the feeder schools. Our students may give tours to feeder students to engage student focus. Rajee suggested advertising publicly. However, there are other orientations that will be taking place for this purpose. Kim suggested that making our event public may make it more news worthy to attract future students and publicity for Fresno State. Focus will be less Liberal Studies and more of Elementary Teaching. Jim suggested inviting a classroom of children and having a teacher such as Lisa Nyberg to demonstrate teaching. Lisa seconded idea with team teaching to showcase current faculty and past student teachers. Dr. Jennifer Watson of Valley Oak could be a possible LSAB speaker. Kim has a partnership that she is working on with a principal that would be willing to speak as well. Amber will send out LSAB minutes to LSRC.
- 2. Lorri Update-** Unfortunately, Lorri lost her battle with cancer, and passed away this morning. Janell has a card for the family. Service will be announced at a later date.

## **Old Business**

- a) Learning Community Proposal-** Janell and Kim will meet with Colleen Torgerson. There will be possibly three cohorts. Documents will be posted on Google docs at a later date. Learning communities will be for Fall 2012.
  
- b) SOAP –** Will talk with Tina about our Technology Goal plan. We are now turning to another goal. Janell suggested content could be measured by an exam such as CSET. Kim suggested using the online CSET prep test and use the actual CSET test as our measurement to assess our content goal. Need to switch the wording of goal from attitude to learning outcomes. Janell suggested that on December 7<sup>th</sup> we break into groups and look at a better way to word each goal. In small groups we may be more fruitful. Paul suggested that we individually look at them to prepare for small group discussions.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50.