

Liberal Studies Review Committee

Wednesday, September 21, 2011

10:00 a.m. ED 316

Members Present: Kim Morin, James Mullooly, Susan Schlievert, Bob Powell, Marilyn Shelton, Breannah Evans, Nan Barker, Paul Crosbie, Janell Morillo, Otto Benavides, Jim Marshall, Dennis Nef, Rajee Amarasinghe, Lisa Nyberg

Guests: Jessica Choy, Adrian Ramirez, Rudy Sanchez

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

Approval of the Minutes

To be approved at next meeting

Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved

Announcements

1. **Library Replacement-** Janell had sent an email of concern to Patrick Newell. He indicated that Mike Tillman would be in Curriculum library, Bob Powell said he would follow up with Mike Tillman.

Old Business

a) Credential Program Admits

77% credential admits are liberal studies students. Approximately 300 graduate from liberal studies degree each year. Students overwhelmingly express interested in going on to a credential during advising. Students tend to put off taking the CBEST and CSET exams. They must pass the reading and writing portions for admission, and the math portion prior to final student teaching. Our recruitment office will be calling liberal studies seniors who have not applied to a credential program, to find out whether they plan to do so. Janell will obtain information on how many LS graduates are not eligible for admission to a credential program based on their GPA. Jessica will obtain data on how many LS graduates go on to the CalTeach credential program.

We will be offering CSET prep courses again in the future. For CBEST, there are prep resources listed on the flyer in the Education Student Services Center. Local adult schools also offer CBEST prep courses. Perhaps the CBEST should be a course requirement for EHD 50. ENGL 117W might be a good course to address

the content of the CBEST, taught by Linda Nichols. Students are taking EHD 50 more often than using classroom observation to waive.

c) Pearson/Criterion

Rudy Sanchez reported that he uses the Criterion tool in a class of 300 to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses with grammar and spell check features. Tutorials and corrections are available, but students have to figure out the correction as well. Citations are an issue. Considering putting together a learning community for fall 2012 in which this tool could be beneficial. Next semester we'll have more information on My Writing Lab.

d) Undergraduate Curriculum Changes

SOC 111 (Race & Ethnicity) was approved to be added to the GE MI

Liberal Studies required units will be reduced from 124 to 120, by removing 4 elective units. No required course work will be affected.

New Proposal: concentration coursework to be moved from "major requirements" to "other degree requirements" so that those courses may be used toward a minor.

James Mulooley moved, Paul Crosbie seconded. Unanimously approved.

Jim Marshall moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:55