

FHSU Liberal Education Committee

Minutes

Meeting Called by

Shala Mills, Chair

Date: 8/24/2016

Time: 3:30 – 4:30

Location: RH 312

Members Present

Brad Will
Chap Rackaway
Cheryl Duffy
Dmitry Gimon
Glen McNeil
Jessica Heronemus
Robyn Hartman
Tanya Smith
Teresa Woods
Tom Schafer
Bill Weber

Members Absent

Cody Scheck
Doug Drabkin
Kenton Russell
Kevin Splichal

Minutes (Committee Action is underscored.)

1. The meeting convened at 3:35.
2. Welcome returning and new members. Many thanks to past-chair Rackaway and last year's committee for the excellent work product to date.
3. Distribution of the committee notebooks, noting important contents such as: the committee's charge and membership; the review and revision plan; the action plan prepared by the committee representatives at the AAC&U/IGEA workshop; the current Gen Ed program goals, objectives and curriculum; the AAC&U LEAP and VALUE rubrics; the DQP; and data analyses from last year's survey.
4. The Committee considered various communication strategies and made the following decisions:
 - a. The committee voted not to continue adding to the FHSU Liberal Education blog at the present time.
 - b. The committee voted to continue the FHSU Liberal Education Facebook site as a place to share articles and information. The committee further voted to give all committee members administrative status for that site.
 - c. The committee voted to have monthly Liberal Education Update sessions open to the university community. Chair Mills will schedule the monthly sessions and committee members can join as they are able.

- d. Chair Mills noted that new member, Doug Drabkin, has volunteered to serve as secretary for the committee, and in a spirit of transparency and community engagement, he is willing to commit to distributing the minutes for electronic approval on the day of the meeting, posting the minutes and the next week's agenda on the Liberal Education website by the end of the day Friday of each week. The committee voted to approve Drabkin as Secretary, and voted to approve the weekly publication of the minutes and agenda on the webpage.
5. Chair Mills shared the Liberal Education Update she is delivering to Deans, Chairs and other units.
6. Committee members Heronemus, Hartman, Rackaway, and Mills shared information and insights from their attendance at the AAC&U IGEA Workshop in Boston, noting that they learned a great deal about process, outcomes, models, delivery methods, and assessment methods and returned energized, excited, and with fresh perspectives. "Aspire to Inspire."
7. Chair Mills reviewed the plan for committee action for 2016-17, introduced the idea of Liberal Education Champions, mentioned Assessment materials of possible value and interest to the committee (ETS, CAT, and Foundation for Critical Thinking), and briefly mentioned different program models (Distribution, Integration, and Mix)
8. Chair Mills highlighted the work product from the 2015-16 academic year and asked committee members to carefully review the work done to date on Goals, Objectives and Outcomes. She urged new members to consider the work with fresh eyes and returning members to reconsider the work through the fresh lens of post-summer break.
9. Chair Mills noted the great volume of work and frequency of meetings and asked committee members to honestly consider their time and let the Provost know soon if they felt they could not commit to this level of service.
10. Chair Mills asked committee members to complete the Doodle Poll to identify an alternative to the originally proposed alternating Wednesday 3:30 meeting day/time. Member Heronemus asked the committee if the Thursday 3:00 - 4:00 meetings could be rescheduled for the opposite Thursday. The committee members present indicated that switching the alternating Thursdays would work. Mills will keep this in mind while reviewing the Doodle Poll results.
11. The meeting adjourned at 4:37.