

Liberal Education Subcommittee 2017 - 2018

Date	January 17, 2018
Time	9:04 AM – 9:55 AM
Location	Kirby 268
Minutes Approved	February 1, 2018
Members in attendance	Ryan Frane, Kurt Guidinger, John Keener, Lisa Kittelson, Jerry Pepper, Jamie Ratliff, Cynthia Rugeley
Members excused	Ken Gilbertson, Bruce Ludewig, Chad Pierson, Jason Turkiela, Rochelle Zuck
Member absent	Lindsay Girtz, Junhua Wang
Invited guests	None
<p>Notes: The minutes from the December 4, 2017 meeting were not reviewed, as there was not a quorum.</p> <p>Jamie noted the subcommittee's request to Faculty Senate regarding the appointment of a new Liberal Education Program (LEP) Program Assessment Liaison (PAL) has not been discussed. She expects it will be reviewed at the next Faculty Senate meeting.</p> <p>As previously noted, upon the recommendation of Jennifer Mencl, to mirror other campus curriculum based forms, Jamie added an approval line on the Liberal Education Course Proposal form template. John agreed to update the remaining forms in the same manner.</p> <p>The Assessment Subcommittee would like a representative from the Liberal Education Subcommittee to update them on the Liberal Education Assessment review. Cynthia noted she would be unable to represent the Liberal Education Subcommittee at the Teaching and Learning Committee meetings this spring. Jamie will send out a list of Assessment Subcommittee and Teaching and Learning Committee dates to all members to see who would be able to attend these meetings on the subcommittee's behalf.</p> <p>Jerry discussed the LEP internal review, suggesting we use the survey results as a starting point to make recommendations. While the survey was not comprehensive, the results appear to be consistent regarding concerns voiced over the past five years. He created five starting recommendations for consideration.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – A comprehensive way to remove courses from the LEP. 2 – Allowing courses from the Language and Reasoning Skills category (with the exception of Writing and Information Literacy) to also fulfill the requirements for one Knowledge Domain category or one Key Topic category. 3 – Allowing courses from the same designator to fulfill a Knowledge Domain category. 4 – Renaming of the Liberal Education Program. 5 – Reducing the number of LEP courses. <p>Jerry questioned if the subcommittee is confident moving forward with the data we have, clarifying any change will proceed through governance, which is essentially another form of data gathering. Additionally, there are subcommittee members sitting on other committees and subcommittees who can update on proposed changes to the LEP. Jerry noted there might be more recommended changes or perhaps some proposed recommendations will not be made. The subcommittee members in attendance agreed additional data is not needed before proceeding and discussed the recommendations with additional discussion at the next meeting.</p>	
Next Meeting	Thursday February 1, 2018
Respectfully Submitted by	Nancy Burley