

Liberal Education Subcommittee
January 26, 2022 approved February 9, 2022

Members in attendance: Karen Gran, Paula Gudmundson, Emily Hicks, Rick LaCaille, Charles Fountaine, Jennifer Mencl, Jerry Pepper, Burke Scarbrough, Igor Melnykov, Seung Lee

Member unable to attend: Roger Reinsch

Guest: Jeanine Weekes Schroer

The minutes from the January 12, 2022 meetings were approved.

Jennifer Mencl was introduced. Due to Jerry's retirement, she will be a member of the subcommittee.

Charles Fountaine and Burke Scarbrough were chosen as co-chairs for spring 2022. Charles will also represent the subcommittee at the Teaching and Learning Committee. If someone is needed for a Faculty Senate meeting, a representative will be chosen at that time.

Jeanine was invited to discuss the new Liberal Education Program (LEP) category. She stated the working group worked to clearly define the differences from the Cultural Diversity in the United States and the Global Perspectives categories and wants to assure race will be discussed from a systemic viewpoint. She shared the name, description, two category criteria and two student learning outcomes (SLOs) that have been created. The group discussed the percentage of racial inequality and oppression that should be part of the course. Race and racial oppression need to be the focus and while other marginalized groups may be discussed, courses need to center around race. The group has a meeting to finalize the document before it will come to the subcommittee for approval. The structural changes to the LEP have been approved. The Faculty Senate deferred to this subcommittee to review the working group's proposal, and once it is approved it will be implemented in the fall of 2023. It was questioned if the narrative will be presented to the campus as a draft, requesting feedback or if once approved, the proposal is finalized as part of the LEP. Jeanine noted the Faculty Senate has seen the draft. This subcommittee represents the campus; Jerry stated he feels the proposal should be presented to the campus as the new LEP and move forward developing courses.

Next meeting February 9, 2022
Respectfully submitted: Nancy Hansen Burley