



INSTRUCTIONAL COUNCIL MINUTES

January 10, 2012

Heritage Room – 3:00pm

Present

Tim Allwine, Mark Bergeson, Laura Brener, Renee Carney, Dawn Draus, Lisa Matye Edwards, Kristy Enser, Brendan Glaser, Kyle Hammon, Joan Herman, Susan James, Karen Joiner, Claudia Moreno, Tamara Norton, Jeremy Schoenberg (ASLCC), Courtney Shah, Maggie Stuart, Adam Wolfer, Larry Woodriff, Joyce Niemi (recorder)

Absent: Wendy Hall

1. Consent Items

- Minutes of the December 2011 meeting were approved as written.

2. Meeting Topics

DTA Review

➤ **Speech Requirement**

- Laura gave a quick review of the ICRC requirements and the LCC requirements in Communication. LCC requires Speech, which is not required by the ICRC. After a discussion, Laura called for the Council to vote whether to retain Speech as a DTA requirement. The vote was unanimous to retain Speech as a requirement.

* **Action Needed/Action Taken**

- Council voted to retain Speech as a DTA requirement.

➤ **Discipline Requirements**

- Laura explained that the ICRC requires 15 credits from two disciplines while LCC requires 15 credits from three disciplines.
- After a short discussion on the pros and cons of requiring three disciplines, Laura asked the council to vote on retaining the three discipline requirement. The Council voted unanimously to retain the three discipline requirement.

* **Action Needed/Action Taken**

- Council voted to retain the 15 credits from three disciplines requirement.
- Joan agreed to do some research on the idea of splitting the Language & Literature department into different disciplines.
- **Diversity Requirement**
 - Laura explained that the ICRC does not include a Diversity requirement and that the Council needs to vote whether or not to retain the Diversity requirement currently in place at LCC.
 - A discussion followed on the pros and cons of the Diversity requirement. Everyone supported the requirement but concerns were expressed over the process that is currently in place. Following the discussion, Laura asked for a vote on whether to retain the Diversity requirement. The vote was unanimous in favor of keeping Diversity as a requirement with the understanding that the problems with the process would be corrected.
 - ❖ **Action Needed/Action Taken**
 - Council voted to retain the Diversity requirement.
 - Problems with the process in place for determining what classes qualify as diversity will be corrected.
- **Capstone Requirement**
 - Since the ICRC does not include a Capstone requirement, Laura explained that the Council needed to vote on whether to retain Capstone as a requirement. A lengthy discussion followed on the pros and cons of the Capstone requirement. While there was unanimous support for the theory, some agreed that it can be a barrier to student success. Several expressed the idea that aspects of a Capstone could and should be incorporated into 200 level courses. After the discussion, Laura called for the vote. The vote to remove Capstone as a requirement passed with one abstention.
 - ❖ **Action Needed/Action Taken**
 - Council voted to remove the Capstone requirement. There was one abstention.
 - The removal of the Capstone requirement will become effective immediately. Students scheduled to graduate spring 2012 or after will not be required to take a Capstone course.
 - Information should be sent out to faculty.

Following the review, it has been decided that the DTA will remain as is except for the elimination of the Capstone requirement.

3. **Roundtable Discussion/Announcements**

- Adam reminded everyone that the Science Olympiad is scheduled for Saturday, March 10. They are still in need of volunteers. Anyone interested should contact Adam or David Rosi.
- Tim Allwine told the group that the Faculty Association is in the process of doing a classroom inventory of media equipment, etc. The results will be shared as soon as the inventory is complete.
- Mark Bergeson reminded everyone of upcoming concerts as well as the winter quarter play.
- Jeremy announced that the ASLCC plan to bring an expert on speed reading to speak. There will be a day session for students as well as an evening presentation for the public.
- Lisa announced that LCC will begin using non 900 student id numbers. The change is being made so that it will be easier for students to transfer from one Washington college to another. Laura also said that the mailing of student Financial Aid checks for winter quarter went very well. At least 1500 checks were mailed. Lisa asked for input on whether or not there should be a GPA requirement for Running Start students.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20pm.