University of Wisconsin – Eau Claire  
**University Liberal Education Committee**  
Thursday, October 20, 2011  
202 Schofield Hall


Presiding: Weiher, E.

Convened: 11:00 AM

- Review/approval of minutes dated October 14, 2011 as is

- Course Proposals
  - GEOG 366
    - Approved
  - MUSI 318
    - Discussion regarding “Respect for Diversity among People” and whether the course addresses it
    - Approved by majority
  - MUSI 319
    - Approved
  - WMNS 305
    - Approved

- LE Reform Framework
  - Add a “#8” – Ethical Reasoning
    - Hole in framework – ethical reasoning is mentioned a lot, no specifics provided
    - Was discussed at length.
      - “ER” designation to courses
      - Required ethics course
      - Specific skills / knowledge required to teach the course
      - Could add into current rubrics
      - Ethics is mentioned in 17 course descriptions - inconsistently applied
      - How measured?
      - AAC&U offers clear ways to assess (Ethical Reasoning Value Rubric)
      - What students need versus what the university can provide (resource constraints)
Shifts will occur due to reform, things are being added/eliminated

- Middle ground?
- S. McAleer will investigate how other schools are incorporating it, will provide examples for next week

A half hour will be allowed for discussion and wrap up at the next meeting.

Adjourned at: 12:00 PM
Submitted by: S. Forcier
Approved: 10.28.11