To all staff and faculty members:

The following announcement about the changes in the Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree Program is relevant to all staff and faculty members, especially those who are involved in advising and/or registering students.

The changes approved by the CAP and Senate to the Liberal Arts and Sciences Degree Program in the Fall of 2006 fundamentally alters the status of the degree and the practice of choosing/assigning majors for incoming students. As of the publication of the 2007/2008 course catalog,

1. Students must demonstrate eligibility for English 101 before declaring Liberal Arts and Sciences as their major. Eligibility for English 101 is demonstrated through placement testing or through completion of the developmental English courses.

2. Students entering the college at the developmental level or students who are waiting to qualify for other degree programs such as Nursing should declare General Studies as their major.

The following description will appear in the course catalog and on the college website:

Associate in Arts Degree Program

Liberal Arts and Sciences

The Liberal Arts and Sciences Associate in Arts Degree Program is designed especially for students who wish to transfer to a four-year college or university to pursue a major in such fields as English, science, mathematics, history, philosophy, languages, geography, political science, journalism, or social science. The program provides a comprehensive two-year undergraduate foundation that is tailored to meet the requirements of the University of Connecticut, Connecticut State Universities, and others. Students may also choose the Ethnic Studies course sequence.

A unique feature of Capital’s Liberal Arts and Sciences degree program is the required capstone course, which brings together a team of teachers from a variety of disciplines to lead students in an investigation of a provocative topic or issue.

Students selecting Liberal Arts and Sciences as a major who have 15 credits or fewer may be eligible to enroll in the Guaranteed Admissions Program with the University of Connecticut.

The current course description is reproduced below for purposes of comparison:

The liberal arts and sciences program provides a broad cultural education in the traditional areas of knowledge and leads to an Associate in Arts degree. For the student whose future plans are not clearly defined, the liberal arts and sciences program provides an opportunity to explore the
vast store of knowledge in the humanities, the sciences, the social sciences, and the fine arts.

This program is designed to meet the needs of students who wish to make further strides toward a baccalaureate degree, as well as those who might terminate their formal education upon graduation.

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