Vision Statement
The faculty in attendance agreed that the vision statement from the original proposal was still appropriate to the current review.

The Master of Arts in Liberal Studies (MLS) offers a broad range of multi-disciplinary and interdisciplinary courses, actively involving all academic disciplines at St. Norbert College. The MLS aims to engage students in an extended dialogue about critical issues of our time, including, diversity, as well as foster the development of advanced analytical and communications skills necessary to better understand and interact with an ever-changing world.

Five years from now
- Increase and stabilize enrollment to 60 enrolled students provided the college increase faculty positions to support an increase of offering 3 to 4 courses per semester, giving students the ability to complete the MLS program in 2 years.
- Wider participation from faculty.
- Address writing skills of students by offering a writing workshop in the Introduction to Liberal Studies course and by requiring research papers in all the courses.
- Define the thesis project to show the flexibility of the thesis project but still requiring a strong critical, analytical and integrative component.
- Create more flexibility in the program, with the thesis project, independent studies, study abroad opportunities, hybrid or online courses but still maintaining that the main content of the program is face to face.
- Develop a lecture series or “Saturday College” to engage the community and potential students as well as give graduates an opportunity for continued education.

What should the graduates know
- Demonstrate knowledge and an understanding of the history of ideas and the cultural and historical context for contemporary issues.
- Demonstrate the ability to: make interdisciplinary connections between academic fields, to utilize multiple and distinct methodologies from the humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences to investigate contemporary issues, show competence in the use of multi-disciplinary methods and resources to conduct high quality academic research and exhibit a deeper understanding for the complexity and diversity of ideas.
- Competently analyze and interpret primary texts.
- Exhibit graduate level proficiency in written and oral communication.

What critical needs does the program address for SNC, greater Green Bay, Wisconsin
- a deepened and renewed commitment to the Liberal Arts at SNC through fostering ongoing conversations among faculty from different disciplines and divisions.
- a small increases in enrollment and generation of a modest revenue stream, which would self-fund the program and potentially provide a small surplus which could be used to strengthen other existing programs.
- enhanced educational opportunities for growing population of adult learners, especially alumni, who wish to return to higher education, primarily to improve their skills in critical thinking, written and oral communication, and to broaden their perspective through multi-disciplinary studies.
- a rigorous and intellectually stimulating program for adult learners built on the distinctive and well-known strengths of SNC in the liberal arts tradition.

Assessment:
- Review of thesis projects
- Review of the program by external consultant (i.e. AGLSP) at 5 year point.