

Liberal Arts Council Meeting
Campus Commons 2201
December 6, 2022 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Minutes

Present: Azarello, Beals, Bebee, Beyers, Casey, Geisendorfer, Holman, Houston, Kraver, Matchett, McClatchey, Muller (Chair), Records, Staton, Steele, Youngs, Couch. Guests: Keaten, Vaughan.

Meeting was called to order at 3:30.

Approval of the Agenda: Approved without objection

Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting (11/15/2022): Approved without objection.

Announcements: Welcome to our new administrative support person, Nina Phillips. The Council's main Spring activity will be indirect assessment.

Reports

- Chair's Report (Muller)
 - Admin Position, Student Requests, Spring 2023 Projects
- Standing Reports
 - GE Council (Matchett) N/R
 - AVP of Undergraduate Studies (Matchett):
 - Matchett reviewed LAC the exemptions process, which is found in the by-laws.
 - All LAC course requirement to be offered every two years. This is a requirement for gtP courses at the state level.
 - We have recently discovered that five LAC courses bare variable titles. These do not work for LAC requirements, and the state policy does not permit them. Units can either move variable title courses from the LAC or revise them to be non-variable title courses.
 - Core Curriculum Committee Reports
 - Written Communication & World Languages (Holman)
 - History, Literature, & Humanities (Smith)
 - Philosophy & the Arts (Casey)
 - Social & Behavioral Sciences (Beals): items under new business
 - Mathematics & Natural Sciences (Steele)
 - International & Multicultural Studies (Kraver): items under new business
 - Ad Hoc Committee Reports
 - Assessment & Curriculum (Muller)
 - Identified Initial Goals for LAC DA Project and for Spring 2023 Pilot. These are posted on the Teams site.
 - IS/MS Rubrics Being Finalized
 - Update from Director of Assessment
 - Outreach & Communication (Kraver): collecting feedback from the committee about the website. Recommendations will be forthcoming.



Unfinished Business

- Board Policy Updates – three updates to bylaws – (Feb next step)
- LAC Acceptance Menno including Assessment Requirements (A S-C will review)
- Updates to LAC Curriculum Approval Process Website

New Business

- Student Request – Lauren Chick – Area 7 Transfer Course – Recommend Acceptance. Casey moved approval (Kraver second). Approved unanimously.

- Course Approval

WLC

- SPAN 200 Recommended for inclusion in LAA and IS designation. Casey moved approval (Kraver second). Approved unanimously.

MNS

- SCI 256 Recommended for inclusion in LAS 1 LSL L – lab with only 3 credits. Discussion ensued about restrictions on LAC courses, which will be revisited if problems arise. Casey moved approval (Kraver second). Approved unanimously.

IS/MS Designations (as additions to current LAC courses)

- HIST 110 Recommended for MS designation
- HIST 112 Recommended for IS designation
- HIST 113 Recommended for IS designation
- HIST 118 Recommended for IS designation
- HIST 120 Recommended for IS designation
- HIST 121 Recommended for IS designation
- HIST 250 Recommended for MS designation

Beals moved approval of the HIST courses (Kraver second). Approved unanimously.

- DNCE 130 Recommended for MS designation. Casey moved approval (Kraver second). Approved unanimously.

SBS

- PSCI 270 Recommended for inclusion in LAB 1 and MS designation. Steele moved approval (Kraver second). Approved unanimously.
- SOC 235 Recommended for inclusion in LAB 3 and IS designation. Casey moved approval (Kraver second). Approved unanimously.
- ASL 210 NOT Recommended for inclusion in LAB 3 (MS recommend) – Discussion: issue was application of tools and skills from the social and behavioral sciences. The CCC wanted clarification. A revised syllabus was submitted. The CCC is still working with ASL. Matchett suggested that we could do a quick e-mail review before the break if the CCC opts to send it forward. Casey moved (friendly amendment from Matchett) (Kraver second) that we vote to approve both ASL 210 and 212, with the proviso that if the SBS CCC vetoes we will table the proposal until next year's catalog. Approved unanimously.
- ASL 212 NOT Recommended for inclusion in LAB 3 (MS recommend) – Discussion: cf.



above.

- COMM 223 NOT Recommended for inclusion in LAB 3 – Discussion: issue in the CCC was that some revision would result in approval. Course mapping was not sufficient to reflect LAB 3 requirements. Casey moved to accept the CCC recommendation (Geisendorfer second). Approved unanimously.
- UNIV 101 NOT Recommended for inclusion in LAB 3 – Discussion: main CCC issue had to do with diversity and global learning, critiques of power structures, etc. Casey moved to accept the CCC recommendation (Geisendorfer second). Approved unanimously.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.