



## LIBERAL ARTS COUNCIL

April 29, 2014 – 3:30 p.m.  
McKee 327

### MINUTES

**Present:** Trelogan, Boyce, Bentz, Fong, Baird, Senbet, Smith

**Absent:** N/A

**Guests:** Sharp, Vaughan, Urbach

**Call to order** at 3:33pm

**Announcements:** None

**Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 3**

**Regular Reports:**

**Chair's Report (Trelogan):** None

**GE Council Report (Bentz):** In reference to the Faculty-to-Faculty Summit in Math and Communications that happened in April, Bentz feels that there will need to be more work done. However, UNC was well represented. There will be another summit in the fall.

**AVP Report (Smith):** None

**Core Curriculum Committee Reports (Fong/Boyce/Baird):** A new member for English, Joseph Chavez will take over Nick Brown's term. No word from Hispanic Studies so far.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

**Election of Officers for 2014-2015:** While he hopes to remain on the council, Trelogan is stepping down due to his responsibilities as Chair of Philosophy. Position of Chair and Vice Chair are open. Trelogan would volunteer for Vice Chair.

**Nominations for Chairmanship:** Senbet nominates Boyce. Boyce accepts the nomination. Fong moves to close the nominations, Boyce as Chair. Unanimous approval.

**Nomination for Vice Chair:** Trelogan nominates himself. Fong moves to close the nominations, Trelogan as Vice Chair. Unanimous approval.

**Discussion Item:**

**Approval of syllabi from our overseas partners (*i.e.*, semester abroad programs) for Areas 7 and 8—is this something the Council could do? (Jenny Urbach):** Students have asked for course such as Irish Literature or Lithuanian Culture from overseas to be added to their core. Some courses don't fit under the study abroad experience and multi-cultural courses in the LAC. (FL 296 is a language course that transfers as a language/literature course. MCS 101 and HIST (world culture) can be replaced by transfer of study abroad courses.) Trelogan suggests that LAC initiate a special topics

course to include study abroad experiences that are not language courses. Registrar won't do anything until the individual departments submit a transfer equivalency form. But by having this "study abroad" course, there would then be an equivalency and no need for a "transfer equivalency."

Council agrees that there needs to be broader discussion of what stands as an LAC equivalency because there is not a clear distinction. However, as it stands for the State, anything we approve as an equivalency is accepted by the State.

LAC needs to find a department, specifically faculty, to take this course proposal under their wing. University College is an appropriate place to initiate and accept this course. Course would need a review committee, etc. LAC will wait to hear from University College (Smith) in the coming academic year.

**Adjournment:** 4:09pm

Tom Trelogan, Chair  
Abigail Pekar, Recording Secretary