

Liberal Arts Council

15 October 2013

Minutes

Present: Bentz, Boyce, Eastin, Fong, Senbet, Spahr, Trelogan, Weber.

Absent: Aske, Baird, Smith, Varner

Guests: Charlie Couch, Stacy Sharp, Angela Vaughan

Call to order 3:34 p.m.

Announcements

Approval of Agenda/October 1, 2013 Minutes

Both the agenda for today's meeting and the minutes for the meeting of October 1 were approved without objection.

Regular Reports

Chair's Report (Trelogan): On October 1, the gtPathways nominations packages for BIO 105, CHEM 281, and ANT 130 were sent down to the CDHE for review. Finishing up the needed revisions in the materials that had been submitted for ENST by Richard Jurin (who, it turns out, had submitted his proposal on an outdated form) is going to need a little more time. It looks as if proposals for further additions to the Core from Geography and Philosophy are on the horizon. The school of education is also planning to bring forth a proposal of a course, which they may be interested in adding just as an elective. Also, History is planning to delete their course on Russian history from the Core.

GE Council Report (Bentz): Ian Macgillivray is asking for feedback on the statewide gtPathways document, and Ann Bentz is asking the Council to look it over. Trelogan will send out copies to everyone and place it on agenda for next meeting. There is, in addition to this main document, a second document that's been prepared for students that also needs reviewing. Macgillivray wants to know: Are the documents readable and clear? Is there a need for an additional one for adult learners? Bentz is hopeful that CHEM 281 won't go to review but it probably will since the proposal involves a request to reduce the number of hours of credit. Maia Blom could use additional reviewers because of the number of courses that are going to be up for review. If there is anyone on the Council who would like to volunteer, the need is for reviewers from four-year colleges and universities to attend the sessions scheduled for the end of October or the beginning of November—Travis or Adam?

AVP Report (Smith): None.

Core Curriculum Committee Reports

Language and Mathematics (Varner): No report.

History, Literature, and Humanities (Fong): No report.

Philosophy and the Arts (Trelogan): Nancy Matchett is signing back up, but has already put us on notice that she won't be able to continue to serve the full three-year term.

Social and Behavioral Sciences (Aske): No report. Trelogan reminded the Council that David Aske is thinking about stepping down as chair of the committee.

Physical and Life Sciences: Graham Baird will continue to serve on the committee. Cynthia Galovich is on board and is willing to serve in place of a chair until the committee can select a chair.

International and Multicultural Studies (Boyce): Christiane Olivo is planning to continue to serve on the committee and so is Elizabeth Franklin.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Discussion Item:

The Registrar's Office presented their ideas about revising to their current policy regarding the counting of credit hour transferred to UNC from other institutions toward the satisfaction of our Liberal Arts Core requirements.

Stacy: How do we determine what is a liberal arts based Associates Degree? We want to avoid future problems by creating a policy; SEE HANDOUT.

1st recommendation: study abroad is counted as residency

2nd recommendation: Culinary schools are giving out Associate of Arts, so we don't want to waive certain core requirements. Every student should be evaluated differently so they want to create a standard. They only evaluate the credit hour minimum of the lab/science courses, but what about students transferring from quarter systems? What about adjusting the "course count" instead, so they'd need one course in math or English, but not evaluate the details of credits, so a semester course HAS to be 3 credits and a quarter course HAS to be 4.

Fong: We already have a system in place when you consider students who are waived from courses b/c of ACT or SAT. We might want to look at how many courses people have but that they don't get credit for taking a 1-2 hours course.

Bentz: Shouldn't the State be dictating this? Let's ask what other people are doing—CU and CSU.

Charlie: Registrar would like the LAC to adopt some policy.

Trelogan: How should we proceed?

Plan of Action: Review registrar paperwork between now and next meeting.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 4:34 p.m.

Tom Trelogan
Chair

Abigail Pekar
Recording Secretary