



LIBERAL ARTS COUNCIL

7 October 2014 – 3:30 p.m.
North Hall Conference Room1

MINUTES

Attendance: Fitzpatrick, Fong, Bentz, Trelogan, Senbet, Martinez, Graves, Smith

Absent: Spahr, Blair, Reardon, Baird, Varner, Weber, Urbach

Guests: Vaughan

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 3:36p.m.

Announcements

Faculty-to-Faculty Conference has been cancelled

Approval of the Minutes of our Meeting on September 16

Agenda approved with the addition of election of a new Chair or Vice Chair

Minutes from the September 16th meeting approved

Regular Reports

Chair's Report (Trelogan) –Registrar requested additional wording for the waiver of core requirements. Bentz suggested, "*Upon successful completion of the missing course or courses, the LAC requirements would be waived.*" The Council and the Registrar's office approved this statement.

GE Council Report (Bentz) – Faculty-to-Faculty Meeting has been cancelled. GE Council is working on updating the competency criteria for Math and Communication. LEAP is trying to get a standard for competencies in general education, with rubrics similar to the State. Witchie (**is this the correct spelling?**) Interstate Passport (a program for students to get a break on tuition between states) is trying to begin an initiative similar to gtPathways.

AVP Report (Smith) –UNC has no assessment of learning outcomes. This may be a problem with the upcoming HLC visit. However, there are units that are assessing learning outcomes on campus. With permission on behalf of the Council, Smith would like to send around a questionnaire to Departments and Directors with various questions related to assessment of learning outcomes. The Council supported this plan. Trelogan mentioned that the Council already started a method of assessing learning outcomes and he will send it around.

Core Curriculum Committee Reports – No reports

Old Business

Goals for the Academic Year (continued discussion from the Council's retreat—tabled at our last meeting)

Improving communication with the university community concerning both the requirements of

the Core and student/adviser responsibilities—tabled at our last meeting

New Business

Consideration of proposed new courses:

- a. BAFN 240 — Course was unanimously approved for Electives Area
- b. GEOG 218 — Course was unanimously approved for Area 7
- c. GEOG 250 — Course was unanimously approved for area 5b
- d. MUS 212 — Course was unanimously approved for Area 3b
- e. MUS 245 — Course was unanimously approved for areas 5c
i. 7 and 8?
- f. MUS 248 — Course was unanimously approved for areas 3a and

Election of a new Chair or Vice Chair

Council agreed that there needs to be an election. An email will be sent to the full Council requesting a call for nominations for the next October meeting. Proxy votes are welcome. Fitzpatrick proposed that this be a secret ballot. Smith would be the appropriate recipient of the ballots.

Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 4:54p.m.

Thomas Trelogan
Acting Chair

Abigail Pekar
Recording Secretary