



LIBERAL ARTS COUNCIL

Below are the minutes from the 4 November 2014 Liberal Arts Council meeting. The next meeting will be held on 18 November 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the South Hall Conference Room

MINUTES

Attendance: Trelogan, Smith, Fitzpatrick, Baird, Urbach, Fong, Brothe, Reardon, Spahr

Absent: Martinez, Graves, Urbach, Bentz, Senbet, Weber

Guests: Sharp, Couch

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:31p.m.

Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of October 21

The minutes from the October 21st meeting were unanimously approved with amendments.

Regular Reports

Chair's Report (Fitzpatrick): No report.

GE Council Report (Bentz): No report.

AVP Report (Smith): No report.

Core Curriculum Committee Reports: No report.

Old Business

Council Vacancies:

Smith was unable to fill the vacancies, but will see about filling them before the next meeting.

New Business

Consideration of proposed new courses:

LEAD 100 – proposed for area 8

LEAD 200 – proposed for area 7

The review was tabled until the next meeting so that Trelogan has time to communicate with the CCC for areas 7 & 8.

Mission Statement

Smith, Fong and Graves put together a draft of the LAC Mission Statement. *The Liberal Arts Council (LAC) represents, and acts on behalf of, the faculty in the governance of the Liberal Arts Core. It promotes the value of the study of the liberal arts as the foundation of learning for all UNC students, and works to ensure—through continuous assessment and updates—that effective learning takes place in the core*

MOTION: To approve the Mission Statement with the change in the language to read “ensure, through continuous assessment and improvements, that the core criteria continue to be met and that real learning takes place in the core”: Trelogan.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS: Delete “real” and replace with “effective”: Reardon. Replaced “it” with “The Council promotes”: Brothe. Trelogan accepted both amendments.

VOTE: The motion passed unanimously.

The Liberal Arts Council Mission Statement:

The Liberal Arts Council (LAC) represents, and acts on behalf of the faculty in the governance of the Liberal Arts Core. The Council promotes the value of the study of the liberal arts as the foundation of learning for all UNC students, and works to ensure, through continuous assessment and improvements, that the core criteria continue to be met and that effective learning takes place in the core. A full description of the structure and duties of the Liberal Arts Council may be found in the Board of Trustees Policy Manual, 2-3-107(2).

DISCUSSION: Trelogan suggested that the Council should reach out to faculty on campus to get additional support of the statement and the goals of the council. The council could make recommendations to the Faculty Senate for altering the structure of the core and revisit the criteria for evaluating and approving/denying courses for inclusion in the core as well as review the courses currently in the core. Smith reminded all present that the core curriculum demonstrates what UNC faculty are teaching by way of collecting data from the individual departments. Regarding learning outcomes, if the department cannot provide a competent instructor then the responsibility should fall on the department. The council could threaten to remove a course in the core if departments cannot meet the learning objectives, as well as begin going through the depository to compare the original syllabi of record with the current syllabi. However, Fong wonders if the council should be more concerned that the current courses' match up with the LAC area requirements, not necessarily if the content matches the original syllabus. The council's authority in implementing learning outcomes comes from what courses are approved or removed from the core and so the council must be willing to use its authority.

Questions about Board of Trustees policy 2-3-501 Course Outline and Goals, Part 5:

Subject tabled until the November 18th meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Colleen Fitzpatrick
Chair

Abigail Pekar
Recording Secretary