



### **LIBERAL ARTS COUNCIL**

Below are the minutes from the 2 December 2014 Liberal Arts Council meeting. The next meeting will be held on 6 January 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the South Hall Conference Room

### **MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Fitzpatrick, Baird, Fong, Brothe, Martinez, Urbach  
**Absent:** Bentz, Sharp, Couch, Reardon, Trelogan, Smith  
**Guests:** Landeira

#### **Meeting Called to Order at 3:31p.m.**

##### **Announcements**

Council agreed to cancel the tentative December 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Meetings will resume on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 in South Hall Conference Room at 3:30p.m.

##### **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of November 18<sup>th</sup>**

*MOTION:* Fitzpatrick

*SECOND:* Fong

Minutes approved with corrections.

##### **Regular Reports**

**Chair's Report (Fitzpatrick/Landeira)** – Two big issues that concern APC are 1)

Departments trying to get courses into the LAC without thought and consideration of the core objectives; 2) A faction of senators who do not want syllabi or learning outcomes to become mandatory. APC will try to propose a change to part 5 of the Board of Trustees on curriculum. This new policy will address the need for syllabi, learning outcomes, and objectives. Lack of syllabi will be a focus of the HLC accreditation. APC would benefit if the LAC would send recommendations and/or elements that the Council would like to have in the core curriculum.

**GE Council Report (Bentz)** – There has not been another GEC meeting, so there is nothing to report at this time.

**AVP Report (Smith)** - Karen Barton (Geography) has agreed to serve on the area 7-8 committee, but she is on sabbatical and can't start until Fall 2015.

**Core Curriculum Committee Reports** - None

##### **Old Business**

##### **New Business**

**MATH 124 College Algebra** – proposed for Area 2 – The prerequisites have been changed. The Council questioned the following language and would like clarification: *A satisfactory score on the math placement index and either two years of high school algebra with a grade of C or better (C- is not acceptable) or the equivalent.* Their course requirements are lacking and the descriptions of the current requirements aren't very fulfilling. The Council asked that the department restructure the learning outcomes and tie them to program goals as well as go into greater detail with their requirements (what is going to be tested, homework, etc.).

*MOTION:* Fong

*SECOND:* Baird

*VOTE:* MATH 124 was unanimously approved for inclusion in the 2015-2016 UNC catalogue. Course needs revision before going to the state for gtPathways review.

**AST 109 The Cosmos** – proposed for Area 6 – The prefix was changed to closely tie the course to the physics department.

*MOTION:* Baird

*SECOND:* Martinez

*VOTE:* AST 109 was unanimously approved.

**PHYS 106 Intro to Spaceflight** - proposed for Area 6 proposed for Area 6 – The prefix was changed to closely tie the course to the physics department.

*MOTION:* Baird

*SECOND:* Martinez

*VOTE:* PHYS 106 unanimously approved.

**PHYS 240 General Physics I** - proposed for Area 6 – Course description was changed in the catalogue.

*MOTION:* Baird

*SECOND:* Fong

*VOTE:* The proposed changes were unanimously accepted.

**SCI 109 The Cosmos** – Course deleted and replaced by AST 109.

*MOTION:* Baird

*SECOND:* Martinez

*VOTE:* SCI 109 deletion was unanimously accepted.

**SCI 106 Intro to Spaceflight** – Course deleted and replaced by PHYS 106.

*MOTION:* Baird

*SECOND:* Martinez

*VOTE:* SCI 106 deletion was unanimously accepted.

**SPAN 104 Applied Spanish for Professionals** – proposed for area 7 – Course will be the second semester of college level Spanish for ESL teachers. This course is targeted for professionals and professional interaction.

*MOTION:* Martinez

*SECOND:* Urbach

*VOTE:* SPAN 104 was unanimously approved.

**Liberal Arts Core Review Application** – The document needs to be reduced considerably, which can easily be done with hyperlinks, etc. Council agreed to break up the document according to the areas so that it is easier to navigate. Pekar will pare down the document.

**Brainstorming LAC goals** – Fitzpatrick asked the Council to think about goals that the LAC would like to set and how to go about reaching them in 2015. Fitzpatrick suggested working with advertising to craft messages about what is liberal arts and what it means. By promoting the liberal arts institution, this will set UNC apart from the research schools, etc.

**Meeting adjourned at 4:35p.m.**

Colleen Fitzpatrick  
Chair

Abigail Pekar  
Recording Secretary