



## **LIBERAL ARTS COUNCIL**

7 April 2015 – 3:30 p.m.  
South Hall Conference Room

### **MINUTES**

**Attendance:** Fitzpatrick, Bentz, Spahr, Baird, Varner, Fong, Trelogan, Senbet, Martinez  
**Absent:** Smith, Weber, Martin, Graves

**Called to order at 3:31 p.m.**

#### **Announcements**

#### **Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- Minutes approved with no corrections

#### **Regular Reports**

- **Chair's Report (Fitzpatrick) –**
  - Faculty should have gotten her email requesting nominations for the LAC next AY.
  - APC tabled "student academic misconduct" because another authority is taking it up. Departments are crafting their own due process in the meanwhile.
- **GE Council Report (Bentz) –**
  - The Faculty-to-Faculty meeting the 24<sup>th</sup> will assess each category. For all areas but math, UNC has good representation. 2) Ian contacted her about the transfer guides and they wanted to make a guide for AA and AS. He asked 3 institutions for feedback and UNC was one of them. He became aware that the 2-year AS and AA transfer program cannot always accommodate the students in the 2-year BA or BS program.
- **AVP Report (Smith) –**
  - None
- **Core Curriculum Committee Reports (Baird) –**
  - The GE Council suggested changing how UNC handles lab and non-lab courses. Lab and non-lab courses are combined and result in separate, not one. The request is to separate labs and classes. Baird and the Area 6 Council feel this is a step in the right direction. But there was no wording addressing the disbursement of credits between labs and classes. Bentz noted that this is a big discussion at the state level. Under the UNC system, students can take lectures or labs independently and this is problematic. At the 100-level, 281, and 331 the labs and lectures are co-requisites. A reason for this change is if a student passes a lab but not a lecture, a student can still pass the entire course. (ask Baird for language)
  - Baird is up for re-election but would like to continue as Chair of Area 6 if he doesn't go for re-election for the LAC. Trelogan thinks it will be good to have

more representation from NHS. Baird will find someone to fill his spot if possible.

### **Old Business**

- **Brainstorming (Fitzpatrick) –**
  - Informed council that Smith, Pekar, and Fitzpatrick met to discuss upcoming plans for 2015-2016 AY. Details will be shared at a later date.
- **Council Vacancies and Core Curriculum Committee Vacancies –**
  - CCC Nominations are going to Lori Riley. The Committees need someone from Area 3c. Fong or Blair are candidates for Area 3c. Fitzpatrick is trying to round up a couple of people for 5c.
  - There are 3 council vacancies. Nominations end this coming Friday and ballots released next week.
- **Student Learning Outcomes for Area 6 (Baird) –**
  - Baird presented the Development of Student Learning Outcomes for Science Courses in Area 6 of the Liberal Arts Council. He would like to make it official by bringing it to the council for final review.
  - *DISCUSSION* – Fitzpatrick would like for all areas to develop similar SLOs like Baird's. Trelogan would like to put together guidelines by department and programs for SLOs. Trelogan and Fitzpatrick feel that there needs to be some agreement amongst the CCC Chairs to begin this process for next year. Areas 7, 8, & 5 were not represented at the meeting, so they will be informed by Fitzpatrick. Bentz suggested that representation from Faculty-2-Faculty visit the LAC to help with this process. Varner likes the work done by Baird and Elkins and would like to use it as a model for English.

### **New Business**

- **Concern about LAC language and student graduation issues (Hayward) –**
  - Hayward was invited to the meeting to discuss this concern but was not present.
  - *DISCUSSION* - Bentz felt that Hayward's email to the student was disturbing. She would like to get faculty educated about the LAC. Fitzpatrick read aloud Hayward's email to the council and later stated that Hayward may be one of many faculty who have concerns about the LAC. Fitzpatrick also feels the LAC is misrepresented and that is why she sent out the email soliciting nominations. The AVP's office can limitedly waive a requirement in such cases. Students need advisors to prevent these cases from happening and without advisors this would become a bigger problem for UNC. Fitzpatrick agreed that the language was confusing, but since the language has been cleared up, it seems to have helped. Degree Works should help resolve this problem. Baird thinks this could be a recruitment technique for the LAC as it would help improve advising, etc.
- **Chair and Vice Chair elections -**
  - Trelogan nominated Fitzpatrick for Chair, Varner seconded
  - Trelogan moved to close nominations, Martinez seconded
  - *ELECTION* for Chair of the LAC
    - *VOTE* for Fitzpatrick for 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Chair of the LAC
    - Unanimously approved
  - Trelogan nominated himself for Vice Chair, Varner seconded
  - Senbet moved to close nominations, Fong seconded

- *ELECTION* for Vice Chair of the LAC
  - *VOTE* for Trelogan for 2<sup>nd</sup> term as Vice Chair of the LAC
  - Unanimously approved
- HUSR 208 Perspectives on Aging, Area 5c activation
- GERO 205 Intro to Gerontology, Area 5c deactivation

**Meeting adjourned at 4:33 p.m.**

Colleen Fitzpatrick  
Chair

Abigail Pekar  
Recording Secretary