



Liberal Arts Council

Council Meeting  
**Campus Commons 2200**  
February 18, 2020 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
**MINUTES**

**Present:** Byrnes, DeCarlo (Blair), Geisendorfer, Heiny, Leatherman, Matchett, Muller, Wood, Yamprai

**Absent:** Baird, Fitzpatrick, Granrud, Harraf, Johnson, Kraver, Markowski, Smith, Urbach

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:34pm.

Approval of the Agenda

- Approved without objection

Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting (02/04/2020)

- Approved without objection

Announcements

- Changes to the BPM concerning the composition of CCCs approved at the 02/04/2020 LAC meeting are going to Codification for review. They may have feedback before we bring the proposed changes to Senate.
  - LAC will also need to adjust its bylaws concerning CCCs.

Reports

- **Chair's Report** (Geisendorfer) – No Report
- **Standing Reports**
  - *GE Council* (Matchett)
    - A new Spanish with writing CLEP test was approved as a challenge exam option for gtP credit in AH4. I'm working with affected units on implementation.
    - A bill requiring all state institutions to award college credit for "work-related experience" passed unanimously in the legislature — details re implementation will be worked out in the coming months.
  - *IAP Report* (Matchett)
    - The Deans continue to work with HR on the details of the transition to an Academic Service Center model. This is step one of a three-pronged strategy to reduce the \$3.5m structural deficit in Academic Affairs. Step two is programmatic changes within the colleges and step three involves more strategic allocations of adjunct/overload and course release monies.
    - Candidates for the open CEBS and Grad School Dean's positions are on campus this week and next. We expect to make an offer for the Library Dean position later this week.
  - *Core Curriculum Committee Reports*
    - **Language and Mathematics** (Wood) – No Report



- **History, Literature, and Humanities** (Smith) – No Report
- **Philosophy and the Arts** (Yamprai) – No Report
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (Granrud) – The CCC rejected ENG 219 for inclusion in LAC 5c/GT-SS3 for a second time. Granrud is compiling a summary of the CCC's decision to be sent to Andreas Mueller and the Council. Mueller will likely wish to attend the next LAC meeting to argue for ENG 219's approval and inclusion in the Liberal Arts Curriculum.
- **Physical and Life Sciences** (Baird) – With Leatherman's help, the CCC is working with faculty to determine if the pending loss of the two-prefix rule could result in students being able to fulfill their Natural & Physical Sciences requirement with courses that are too similar.
- **International and Multicultural Studies** (Kraver) – Curriculum workflow question – Response: Curriculum workflow is down and will be back up in April.
- **Ad Hoc Committee Reports\***
  - \*Assessment and Curriculum have been removed until needed.
- **Outreach & Communication** (Kraver) – As registration opens April, we'll wait to send notification to students for videos until after Spring Break.

### Unfinished Business

- **Memo to academic units regarding curriculum changes**
  - The Council reviewed a draft memo for distribution to deans and unit leadership.
    - Link to more detailed information on the website.
    - Add note about college curriculum deadlines.
  - Curriculum workflow process:
    - Workflow reopening is tentatively scheduled for April 15.
    - Impact statements not required if only adjustments are for LAC requirements; impact statements are required if there are changes to the major.
    - RO will reach out and follow up with departments regarding program updates.
  - Revised draft memo will be brought for review next time.

DISCUSSION: LAC Checklist – There is still confusion/disagreement about how to interpret the new Liberal Arts Curriculum as it relates to the International and Multicultural Studies options.

### New Business

- **LAC & gTP outcomes combined document**
  - We'll need the CCCs review and confirm their respective areas.
  - GTP: required Content Criteria, Competencies (including the statement), and SLOs must be listed
  - Separate columns for LAC and GTP requirements
    - List global area 3 SLOs on each subcategory for ease of copy/paste.
  - For ease of listing specific requirements there will be:
    - one document for LAC only requirements, and
    - one document for both LAC/GTP requirements
  - Revised draft will be brought for review next time.

DISCUSSION: CCCs may want to consider amending their respective category language to mirror the State GTP requirements (which must be listed verbatim); this would cut down on having to list similar requirements in two slightly different ways.



Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:03pm.

Nancy Geisendorfer  
Chair

Betsy Kienitz  
Recording Secretary