



UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN COLORADO

Liberal Arts Council

Council Meeting
Campus Commons 2300
March 3, 2020 3:30-5:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Present: Baird, Byrnes, Geisendorfer, Harraf, Heiny, Kraver, Leatherman, Markowski, Matchett, Muller, Yamprai

Absent: DeCarlo (Blair), Fitzpatrick, Granrud, Johnson, Smith, Urbach, Wood

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:31pm.

Approval of the Agenda

- Approved without objection

Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting (02/18/2020)

- Approved without objection

Announcements

- This is our only meeting this month. Elections for chair and vice chair will happen at the next meeting on April 7.
- Along with the change to the CCC structure, additional edits are needed to 2-3-107(2) to update references to the “Core”.

Reports

- **Chair’s Report** (Geisendorfer) – No Report
- **Standing Reports**
 - *GE Council* (Matchett) – The next GE Council meeting is next Monday. Revisions to STAAs are underway. No new information regarding workforce/PLA credit.
 - *IAP Report* (Matchett) – The ASC model for colleges will be in place for the next fiscal year.
 - *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) – No Report
 - ***Physical and Life Sciences*** (Baird) – With Judy’s help, we are looking at Area 6 courses within each prefix and asking departments to identify courses with too much overlap. Some instances, like Physics, can be fixed by making them mutually exclusive. Other situations are not so clear. Leatherman gave an example from Biology where there are courses with similar content that they don’t want to make mutually exclusive because one fulfills major requirements while the other was designed for non-majors.
 - ***International and Multicultural Studies*** (Kraver) – No Report



○ *Ad Hoc Committee Reports**

*Assessment and Curriculum have been removed until needed.

- **Outreach & Communication** (Kraver) – After Spring Break in preparation for registration in April, we will send an announcement to UNC Today for our LAC videos.

Unfinished Business

• **Memo to academic units regarding curriculum changes**

- All undergraduate degree programs and four-year plans need to be updated to account for the reduced number of LAC credits from 40 to 31.
 - In most cases, this will mean redistributing 9 credits elsewhere in the program.
- Update Liberal Arts Curriculum structure document and post on the Council website.
- Include a link to the curriculum structure in the memo to units.
- Include a link to Council and CCC membership so faculty know which colleagues to contact with questions.
- The Council is not reviewing curriculum changes; these will be hashed out at the college curriculum level.
- Include contact information for questions about:
 - Liberal Arts Curriculum – LAC@unco.edu
 - Curriculum Workflow process – Meagan.Crews@unco.edu
- Prepare a revised document and review at the 4/7 meeting.

DISCUSSION: What about majors with required LAC courses? Required LAC courses can be moved to the required major courses block. A note can be added that they will also fulfill certain LAC requirements.

• **LAC & gtP outcomes combined document**

- Two separate documents: one will be only LAC requirements; the other will list combined LAC and gtP information
- For LAC, learning outcomes are listed for each category.
 - For Arts & Humanities, the global SLOs will be required along with the outcomes specific to each subcategory.
- For gtP, required content criteria, competencies, and SLOs must be listed.
 - Keep competencies and SLOs listed together.
- We will review a revised version next time and then send to the CCCs for review.
 - Ask them to check their respective areas for accuracy.

New Business

• **Clarification of IS/MS designations in the Liberal Arts Curriculum**

- Final approved version from Senate does not include stand alone IS/MS courses.
- All IS/MS offerings are incorporated within the *Arts & Humanities*, *History*, and *Social & Behavioral Sciences* categories as part of the 15-credit requirement.
 - Note: This results in two independent requirements to satisfy the 15 credits from *Arts & Humanities*, *History*, and *Social & Behavioral Sciences*: (1) students must complete 6 credits in *Arts & Humanities*, 3 credits in *History*, 3 credits in *Social & Behavioral Sciences*, plus 3 credits in any of those categories; and (2) in completing these 15 credits, students must complete at least one course designated [MS] and at least one course designated [IS].



Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment

- The meeting was called to order at 4:50pm.

Nancy Geisendorfer
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary