



Liberal Arts Council

Council Meeting
North Hall Conference Room
November 5, 2019 3:30-5:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Member(s) Present: Baird, Blair (Johnson), Byrnes, Geisendorfer, Harraf, Johnson, Kraver, Leatherman, Markowski, Matchett, Smith, Trelogan, Urbach, Wood

Member(s) Absent: Fitzpatrick, Granrud, Muller

Guest(s): Heiny

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:33pm.

Approval of the Agenda

- The agenda is approved with agreement from the Council to find a new, more centralized meeting location.
 - Betsy will look for a location in the Campus Commons.

Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting (10/15/2019)

- The minutes are approved without objection.

Announcements

- Reapproval for GT-SS2 and GT-SS3 courses has been completed.

Reports

- **Chair's Report** – Tom Trelogan will attend APC next semester.
- **Standing Reports**
 - *GE Council* (Matchett) –
 - STAA - The process has begun to revise/refresh the two-year STAAs; these are the articulation agreements built upon Degrees with Designation in which students complete the GT Pathways curriculum requirements and earn an associate degree. Students who complete may enroll at four-year institutions with junior status and earn their bachelor's degree in an additional 60 credits. Many students are going this route, as it streamlines the pathway from two-year to four-year degree programs.
 - Credit for Workforce Experience – There is continued discussion regarding a legislative proposal to require institutions to accept workforce experience for credit, similar to PLA. There is no major resolution at this time.
 - *IAP Report* (Matchett) – From HLC, we need a clear procedure for how we assess our Liberal Arts Curriculum. We're about five years away from our next HLC review.
 - *Core Curriculum Committee Reports*
 - **Language and Mathematics** (Wood) – STAT 111 has been approved by the committee.
 - **History, Literature, and Humanities** (Smith) – Items coming for the next meeting.
 - **Philosophy and the Arts** (Trelogan) – MIND 281 and ASIA 248 (cross-listed with MUS 248) have been approved by the committee.



DISCUSSION: Proposed courses aren't ready for a full Council vote since not everyone has had a chance to review them. In the past, many in the Council have deferred to the judgment of the CCCs. STAT 111 approval is holding up the program approval process for the new math minor. Courses must be fully approved in order to show in the program workflow. The Provost is not approving new programs at this time.

- ***Social and Behavioral Sciences*** (Granrud) – No Report
- ***Physical and Life Sciences*** (Baird) – Three courses with changes/new submissions for Area 6:
 - CHEM 111 – ALEKS placement score requirement added
 - BIO 110 – Name change
 - BIO 111 – Name change; new submission for LAC

DISCUSSION: There is concern among some faculty about dropping the two-prefix rule for Area 6. What are the possible ramifications of the loss of the two-prefix rule? Are there courses with different prefixes but similar enough content that we don't want students to take both to fulfill their requirement? There would be a difference in how native and transfer students are treated if UNC's Area 6 requirement differs from the State. We have two years to address issues.

- ***International and Multicultural Studies*** (Kraver) – What is the procedure when courses are listed in the workflow for multiple areas?
 - The Curriculum Workflow software is limited in the sense that courses may only be submitted to one area at a time. However, it is okay for courses to be reviewed by multiple CCCs at the same time if appropriate; both CCCs need to report.
- **Ad Hoc Committee Reports***
 - *Assessment and Curriculum have been removed until needed.
 - ***Outreach & Communication*** (Kraver) – We've revitalized the LAC videos for promotion; there are about 6 in progress that we're hoping to post by Thanksgiving. Mark Santos' students can intern with social media. The "Core Matters" section on the LAC website needs a title change.

Old Business

- New Statement for the LAC Web Site on Our Curriculum Approval Process – *postponed until the next meeting*
- Reapproval for GT-SS2 and GT-SS3 courses – State deadline 11/19/19 – *completed, now moot*
- Review and Possible Revision of the Liberal Arts Core Syllabus Standards Checklist
 - Trelogan will bring a final version for review at the next meeting.
 - Disability statement will be included.

New Business

- Recommendations from CCCs regarding: STAT 111, ASIA 248, and MIND 281
 - STAT 111 – no concerns with the CCC recommendation.
 - ASIA 248 and MIND 281 – hold for next time

MOTION: Leatherman – It is moved to approve STAT 111 based on the CCC recommendation.

SECOND: Smith

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- Plans for the Coming Year – Discussion



- Invite departments to consider additional proposals for including courses in the International and Multicultural Studies areas of the LAC.
 - Currently, only Arts & Humanities, History, and Social & Behavioral Sciences area courses are eligible for inclusion.
- Assessment of Learning Outcomes.
- Curriculum for AY22.
 - In Spring 2020, start thinking of changes for the 21/22 catalog.
- CCC chairs meeting is 11/21/19.
- There is an IRAS report now available for pulling names and emails for instructors of all scheduled LAC courses.
 - This is a tool to facilitate communication to all instructors for reminders, etc.

Preparation for next time:

- Review all proposed LAC courses in your respective areas and be ready to vote.
 - Remember, only the chair should click “approve”, although everyone in a group has access to the button.
- Check that you have access to both “Liberal Arts Council” and “LAC Chair” tabs in the curriculum workflow; please contact Meagan Crews if you do not have access.
 1. Liberal Arts Council = CCC stage
 2. LAC Chair = Full Council stage

Comments for the Good of the Order

- None

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 4:22pm.

Tom Trelogan
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary