



UNIVERSITY OF  
**NORTHERN COLORADO**

Liberal Arts Council

Council Meeting  
**Campus Commons 2300**  
November 19, 2019 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
MINUTES

**Member(s) Present:** Baird, Blair (Johnson), Byrnes, Geisendorfer, Granrud, Johnson, Kraver, Markowski, Matchett, Muller, Smith, Wood

**Member(s) Absent:** Fitzpatrick, Harraf, Leatherman, Trelogan, Urbach

**Guest(s):** Heiny

Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 3:32pm.

Approval of the Agenda

- Agenda approved with no objection.

Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting (11/05/2019)

- The minutes are approved with one update:
  - In Spring 2020, start thinking of changes for the 21/22 catalog.

Announcements

- None

Reports

- **Chair's Report** – (Geisendorfer) – No Report
- **Standing Reports**
  - *GE Council* (Matchett) – No Report
  - *IAP Report* (Matchett) – Some department chairs aren't clear on how GTP curriculum works. One area of confusion concerns transfer credit; transfer courses that have GTP designation count toward the respective LAC area even if the course is not directly equivalent to a UNC course.
  - *Core Curriculum Committee Reports*
    - ***Language and Mathematics*** (Wood) – No Report
    - ***History, Literature, and Humanities*** (Smith) – Three proposals were sent back to the department level for adjustments; these were mechanical issues, not content.
    - ***Philosophy and the Arts*** (Trelogan) – No Report
    - ***Social and Behavioral Sciences*** (Granrud) – We reviewed about five classes: one rejected, three sent back to department for revisions, one approved but not routed.
    - ***Physical and Life Sciences*** (Baird) – ESCI 101 and ESCI 150 were recently approved. BIO 110, BIO 111, and CHEM 111 were approved previously and are ready for the Council's vote.
      - The Physical and Life Sciences CCC members are meeting to discuss concerns about the removal of the two-prefix rule in Area 6.
    - ***International and Multicultural Studies*** (Kraver) – There are four classes seeking either IS/MS. The courses are meeting requirements, but there's been no input from



other CCC members. One course needs to adjust SLO. ASIA 248 (to be cross listed with MUS 248) is already approved for area 7.

- Ad Hoc Committee Reports\*
  - \*Assessment and Curriculum have been removed until needed.
  - Outreach & Communication (Kraver) – Video projects are underway with Marc Santos’s students.

### Old Business

- **New Statement for the LAC Web Site on Our Curriculum Approval Process**
  - The goal is to have the new information piece ready to go for next year’s curriculum timeline.
  - GTP requirements need to be explicitly listed: competencies and content criteria
  - Revised LAC New Course Nomination Form – ideas for the chart:
    - One link specific to each area
    - Separate columns by LAC (campus) and GTP (State) requirements
- **Review and Possible Revision of the Liberal Arts Core Syllabus Standards Checklist**
  - Sample/template syllabi would be a great help for faculty to visualize how requirements should be incorporated into syllabi.
  - For courses seeking GT Pathways designation:
    - Content criteria and competencies should be copied & pasted verbatim
    - Prescribed statement must be included

### New Business

- **Challenge Exam Requirement for GT Pathways Courses**
  - For every GTP course there must be a challenge exam option.
    - National standardized tests such as CLEP, or
    - Departmental challenge exam option
  - The requirement needs to be built into curriculum workflow process for any courses seeking GT Pathways status.
  - Follow up:
    - Identify courses missing challenge exams
    - Confirm with the State the limitations institutions may set regarding student use of challenge exams
- **Recommendations from CCCs regarding as many of these courses as we can do:**
  - *ASIA 248 Asian Musical Culture*
    - Cross list with MUS 248 (no new content, already in 3a/7 in other prefix)
    - Syllabus does not meet formal checklist requirements, missing LAC and GTP competency and content criteria.
    - The Council decided to send ASIA 248 back to the CCC for them to verify with the department that the syllabus meets all standards: LAC and GTP components.
      - Cross listed courses should share a common syllabus.
  - *MIND 281 Modernity in Asia*
    - Johnson recommends course as a complement to MIND 181
    - Needs to be reviewed by the International and Multicultural Studies CCC
    - Disability statement needs to be updated
  - *ASIA 216 South and Southeast Asian Literature*
    - Remanded to department, missing GTP syllabus components
  - *ENG 206 Regional Mythologies*
    - Remanded to department



- *ENG 250 Introduction to Shakespeare*
  - Remanded to department
- *ANT 292 Ideas in Conflict*
- *MIND 292 Ideas in Conflict*
- *ECON 101 Understanding the Contemporary Economy – deactivate*
- *ASIA 116 State, Society, and Culture in Contemporary Asia*
  - Remanded to department
- *CHIN 116 Introduction to Chinese Civilization*
  - Syllabus is missing GTP components
    - Follow up in email that GTP information is required
  - It is moved to approve CHIN 116 for LAC 5c/7 with the understanding that GTP status will be granted once syllabus information is updated.
  - VOTE: Approved by voice vote; one abstention
- *ENG 219 Language and Society*
- *GNDR 240 Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality*
- *GNDR 285 Gender in the Contemporary Global Order*
- *JMS 100 Introduction to Journalism and Media Studies*
- *NURS 200 Women's Health*
- *SOC 240 Gender, Race, Class, and Sexuality*
- *BIO 110 Biology: Atoms to Cells*
  - CCC fully recommend
  - VOTE: Approved by voice vote
- *BIO 111 Biology: Organisms to Ecosystems*
  - CCC fully recommend
  - VOTE: Approved by voice vote
- *CHEM 111 Principles of Chemistry I*
  - CCC fully recommend
  - VOTE: Approved by voice vote
- *ESCI 101 Earth's Climate System*
  - CCC fully recommend
  - Full council hasn't had a chance to review
- *ESCI 150 Our Violent Earth*
  - CCC fully recommend
  - Full Council hasn't had a chance to review
- *CHIN 216 Masterpieces in Chinese Literature*
  - All LAC and GTP components are listed.
  - Outdated disability statement, not a concern for approval purposes
  - VOTE: Approved by voice vote
- *MIND 293 Play as a Route to Insight and Creation – deactivate*
- *MIND 295 Global Systems – deactivate*

- **Plans for the Coming Year – Discussion**

Comments for the Good of the Order

- Curriculum workflow updates forthcoming - Meagan Crews can attend the 12/3 meeting.
- A finalized course list will be distributed to aid in the review process for the next meeting.

Adjournment

- The meeting was adjourned at 5:00pm.



Tom Trelogan  
Chair

Betsy Kienitz  
Recording Secretary