



Liberal Arts Council

Council Meeting  
**Remote Meeting - Teams**  
February 2, 2021 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
MINUTES

**Present:** Baird, Blair, Byrnes, Geisendorfer, Franklin, Harraf, Heiny, Johnson, Kraver, Leatherman, Markowski, Matchett, Muller, Smith, Urbach, Wood Yamprai

**Absent:** Beals, Johnson

**Guests:** Beyers, Clavir, Couch

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 (12/01/2020)

Approved without objection.

Announcements

- MUS/ANT 245 – GTP status was not attributed to the ANT prefix offering of the course when it first became cross-listed; however, the courses are identical and share a syllabus. The course should have GTP status regardless of the prefix.

Reports

- **Chair's Report** (Wood)
  - LAC's Board Policy updates are ready for the February BOT meeting.
  - Plans for this year include revising bylaws, developing/maintaining data on the Curriculum, and developing an assessment plan for implementation starting Fall 2021.
- **Standing Reports**
  - *GE Council* (Matchett) – House Bill 20-1002 mandates college credit for work-based experiences, including exploring ways of awarding GTP credit. Consultants have agreed that it's challenging to fit work-based experiences into the GTP framework. Additionally, we must ensure all GTP offerings at UNC have a testing option. Remember, the GE Council can at any time pull syllabi for GTP courses and review them for State content/competency requirements; think about how we want to monitor this as a Council. If any problems are identified, we will have a chance to correct the issue before a course is removed from GTP.
  - *AVP of Undergraduate Studies* (Matchett) – All but two programs have been fully approved for the next year's catalog changes regarding the LAC. This semester the Engagement Taskforce is examining the question of community engaged learning and may want to meet with Council.
  - *Core Curriculum Committee Reports*
    - **Language and Mathematics** (Wood) – No Report.



- **History, Literature, and Humanities** (Smith) – AFS 201 is recommended for approval, with some minor syllabus elements to be addressed.
- **Philosophy and the Arts** (Yamprai) – BA 150 is again recommended for approval. Our CCC is down a member with the departure of John Ramsey.
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (Beals) – HUM 250 is recommended for approval. BA 251 is rejected for a second time, this time for SS1.
- **Physical and Life Sciences** (Baird) – No Report.
- **International and Multicultural Studies** (Kraver) – Recommendations have been made for courses seeking IS/MS. We'll be looking at IS/MS criteria and adjusting them before the next review cycle.
- *Ad Hoc Committee Reports*
  - **Assessment and Curriculum** (Wood) – See item in unfinished business.
  - **Outreach & Communication** (Kraver) – We are working with the Registrar's Office to create a video to introduce students to new Liberal Arts Curriculum.

### Unfinished Business

- **Assessment planning**
  - Wood shared a link to an LAC Assessment Discussion Guiding Document and asked members to review and offer feedback.
  - Discussion - Items to consider:
    - Using GTP competency statements (ten total) as LAC program outcomes
      - Whether the GTP competencies can *be* the LAC outcomes
    - Mapping of GTP competencies to ILOs
      - Which LAC categories covered by which ILOs
      - Some of the competencies don't map directly to ILOs (not necessarily a problem)
    - Each area can meet in smaller groups to examine their respective areas
    - Separate conceptually the assessment we need to do institutionally versus the task of ensuring GTP courses meet State requirements
    - Pros/cons of requiring LAC courses to also carry GTP

### New Business

- **Bylaws revision**
- **Implications of mutual exclusivity**
- **LAC appeals**

### DISCUSSION:

- Couch expressed concern about the turnaround time for Council review of policy exemption requests related to the LAC.
- Matchett - Traditionally the people in my role have decided LAC appeals on their own, but I wanted to open it up for Council input.
- Wood and Matchett will discuss how to proceed with the review process for future appeals, but the Council will consider the ones before us today.
- **Arcineda appeal** – requesting exemption from the two-prefix rule of LAC Area 6 due to misadvising at the community college level.
  - Student provided the syllabi requested by the Council (see 11/17/20 minutes).
  - Baird reviewed the syllabi for content overlap and recommends approving the appeal, especially because the two-prefix rule will be dropped with the new Liberal Arts Curriculum.



MOTION: Baird – It is moved to approve Arcineda’s request for exemption of the two-prefix in LAC Area 6.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Brown appeal** – requesting specific transfer courses be applied to LAC Area 3c and Area 3b:
  - GBUS 370 “Business Communication” from Walla Walla U – asking for BA 150 (3c)
  - RELB 104 “Ministry of Jesus” & RELB 231 “Exploring the New Testament” from Walla Walla U – asking for PHIL 270 (3b)
  - Smith confirmed the RELB courses are not appropriate for LAC credit.
  - Harraf confirmed GBUS 370 is not an appropriate match for BA 150 nor appropriate for LAC 3c.
    - The course is already counting toward the student’s LAC Area 1b.

MOTION: Smith/Harraf – It is moved to deny all components of Brown’s appeal.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Crowe appeal** – requesting a particular course be applied to LAC Area 7; also requesting an exemption to the two-prefix rule of LAC Area 6.
  - Kraver requested a syllabus to review the special topics ANT 275 course from RRCC for potential applicability in LAC Area 7.
    - Couch will follow up with the student for the syllabus.
  - For the LAC Area 6 request, the student has completed a total of five Biology prefix courses from RRCC that have GTP status. However, because of UNC’s two-prefix rule, the student’s Area 6 is not complete.
  - Baird supports approving the student’s Area 6 exemption request, similar to other waivers of the two-prefix rule that have been previously approved.

MOTION: Leatherman – It is moved to approve Crowe’s request for exemption of the two-prefix in LAC Area 6.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Kinnon appeal** – requesting to waive the 40-hour LAC requirement due to the fact the student has satisfied each LAC area and stands at 39 total LAC hours.
  - Under the new Liberal Arts Curriculum (which requires 31 hours), the student’s LAC would already be complete.
  - The Council noted the student is a Nursing major and would have little to no room for extra courses outside the prescribed design of the program.

MOTION: Leatherman – It is moved to approve Kinnon’s request to waive the 40 total LAC credits requirement.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Trujillo appeal** – requesting to waive remaining credit required in the additional LAC 3 or 5 section.
  - Student has completed Area 3 and Area 5; however, the additional Area 3/5 requirement is not met due to being short one credit as a result of transferring a 2-credit study abroad course that has LAC Area 5a designation.
  - Student is well over the 40-credit LAC requirement, and only has LAC Area 4 left to fulfil.



MOTION: Muller – It is moved to approve Trujillo’s request to waive the remaining one credit required in the additional LAC Area 3/5 section.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Course review**
  - AFS 201 African American History I
  - BA 150 Foundations of Business Thought (resubmission)
  - BA 251 International Business (resubmission)
  - HUM 250 Nations, Communities, and Cultural Memory

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:15pm.

Tara Wood  
Chair

Betsy Kienitz  
Recording Secretary