



UNIVERSITY OF  
**NORTHERN COLORADO**

Liberal Arts Council

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

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

**Absent:** Beals, Urbach

**Guest:** Beyers

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 (02/16/2021)

Approved without objection.

Announcements

Reports

- **Chair's Report** (Wood)
  - CETL is sponsoring a webinar on "Advising in the new LAC" on 3/9, 11:30-12:15pm.
    - Wood will be presenting, along with Hayley Blackburn.
    - The target audience is faculty advisors.
  - Update on AY 20/21 goals
    - Bylaws – Matchett, Wood, and Kienitz are working on bylaws revisions; we are hoping to present revisions at the 3/23 meeting.
    - Develop/maintain data on the Curriculum – We are working with IRAS regarding Insight reports. We are working with the Registrar's Office to monitor the requirement that GTP courses must be offered at least every two years.
    - Assessment plan – The assessment subcommittee meets on 3/4.
- **Standing Reports**
  - *GE Council* (Matchett) – The next GE Council meeting is 3/8. Matchett provided a list of newly approved GTP courses from MSUD as an FYI to the Council. The practice has been to share such lists with department chairs. We are still waiting on clarification from the State regarding the interpretation of statute relating to whether courses may be allowed to fulfill LAC requirements in the six state category areas if they do not also fulfill all state content and competency requirements for those areas. Statute has been revised to clarify that 300-400 level courses may fulfill local campus general education requirements if they fulfill the state content and competency guidelines, though CO3 is the only state category where 300-400 level courses may be included in gtPathways. The situation with 100- and 200- level courses is less clear.



- *AVP of Undergraduate Studies* (Matchett) – All undergraduate program narratives have been revised for the new LAC.
- *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** (Beals) - No Report.
  - **Physical and Life Sciences** (Baird) – Asked about decommissioning courses that are no longer offered, such as ESCI 265.
    - Heiny asked that they submit a ‘deactivate course form’ through the curriculum workflow.
    - Course deactivations do not require LAC review.
    - Baird will follow up with faculty to submit the deactivation form.
  - **International and Multicultural Studies** (Kraver) – We are working on revising IS/MS competencies.
- *Ad Hoc Committee Reports*
  - **Assessment and Curriculum** (Wood) – No Report.
  - **Outreach & Communication** (Kraver) – Our video project may be ready soon.  
Thanks to Council members who stepped up to help with the LAC video. Shawn Montano’s class is taking on a project of making a longer LAC video this semester.

#### Unfinished Business

- **Assessment planning** – see Chair’s report
- **Bylaws revision** – see Chair’s report

#### New Business

- **LAC Appeal**
  - **Garcia appeal** – request to apply ASIA 216 to LAC areas 3b and 7
    - The student took ASIA 216 in Summer 2020, the semester before it had LAC 3b and 7 designations.
    - Yamprai confirmed the course content was the same from Summer to Fall 2020.
    - The Council approved a similar request for the same course also taken during Summer 2020 (see LAC minutes dated 11/3/2020).

MOTION: Wood – It is moved to approve Garcia’s request to apply ASIA 216 toward LAC areas 3b and 7.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

#### Comments for the Good of the Order

- Heiny asked the Council to submit an updated catalog narrative for the Liberal Arts Curriculum.

#### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.

Tara Wood  
Chair

Betsy Kienitz  
Recording Secretary