



Liberal Arts Council

Council Meeting
Remote Meeting - Teams
October 6, 2020 3:30-5:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Present: Baird, Blair (Johnson), Byrnes, Geisendorfer, Harraf, Heiny, Johnson, Kraver, Markowski, Matchett, Muller, Smith, Urbach, Wood, Yamprai

Absent: Leatherman

Guest: Couch

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:33PM.

Approval of the Agenda

Approved without objection.

Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting (09/15/2020)

Approved without objection.

Announcements

Reports

- **Chair's Report** (Wood) – Goals for this year:
 - Revise Board Policy & bylaws
 - We will be reviewing the BPM revisions today.
 - Develop and maintain data on the Liberal Arts Curriculum
 - I am working with Matt Goetzel in IRAS on how to identify data.
 - Develop and implement a program for assessing the LAC
 - We are aiming for an assessment plan pilot for Fall 2021. I met with Kim Black and Lyda McCartin to discuss assessment and drafted an ILO grant application for LAC assessment.

- **Standing Reports**
 - *GE Council* (Matchett) –Yesterday was the monthly GE Council meeting.
 - We now have clarification that GT Pathways courses *must* be lower division (100-200 level). The only allowance for GT Pathways courses at the upper division is for the GT-CO3 Advanced Writing designation.
 - Institutions may include upper division (300-400 level) courses in their own general education cores. We just need to be clear in advising that upper division LAC courses (outside GT-CO3) are not mandated to be accepted at other Colorado schools.
 - Regarding Prior Learning Assessment, the State requires that all institutions evaluate prior learning and award credit when a student demonstrates they have achieved the learning outcomes of a course. Students may request challenge



exams or provide portfolios for credit toward any course, not just GTP courses. If any institution awards prior learning assessment credit for a course carrying GTP status, UNC must accept it.

- *AVP of Undergraduate Studies (Matchett)* – An assessment of the number of LAC courses this Fall shows we are about 100 sections lower than last year; we need to make sure the sections scheduled match the needs of enrollment. One of the missions of the Liberal Arts Council is to track and maintain data on LAC course offerings. Academic Affairs has a new hire in IRAS who will help develop data reports and provide support for LAC monitoring.
- *Core Curriculum Committee Reports*
 - **Language and Mathematics (Wood)** – A new GT-CO3 course proposal is forthcoming.
 - **History, Literature, and Humanities (Smith)** – We have three courses on the docket: HIST 114, HIST 115, and ELIT 290; we haven't acted on them yet. These courses will also be reviewed by the IS/MS CCC.
 - **Philosophy and the Arts (Yamprai)** – CCC vacancies have all been filled. The CCC approves of MUS 150.
 - **Social and Behavioral Sciences (tbd)** – There are no course proposals to review at this time. A chair has yet to be elected. Matchett will work to fill the recent vacancy that arose with Peterson's resignation.
 - **Physical and Life Sciences (Baird)** – No Report
 - **International and Multicultural Studies (Kraver)** – The CCC members have been notified of the HIST courses in need of review. One has sent their approval, and the others have been silent. Another email will be sent for the new ELIT class.
 - Kraver will work with Matchett if committee members remain unresponsive.
- *Ad Hoc Committee Reports**
 - *Assessment and Curriculum have been removed until needed.
 - **Outreach & Communication (Kraver)** – No report.

Unfinished Business

- **LAC appeals process**
 - The AVP for Undergraduate Studies is responsible for acting on LAC appeals.
 - Matchett would like to have the advice of the CCCs to aid in the decision by reviewing whether courses meet the necessary criteria.
 - Appeals need to be handled in timely manner; we need to set a process for how the requests are disseminated.
 - Consideration for timing: how to handle appeals during regular Fall/Spring semesters versus when the LAC is not in session.
 - Wood will draft some language to outline the process in the bylaws.

New Business

- **Board Policy revisions**
 - References have been changed from “Core” to “Curriculum” throughout.
 - The substantive change is to the make-up of the CCCs.
 - Matchett suggested fully listing “Liberal Arts Curriculum” instead of “Curriculum” in the last sentence of the first paragraph to aid in clarity.
 - Muller proposed listing out examples of disciplines in the Human Behavior & Social Systems subsection to clarify the area and help keep units from being overlooked.
 - e.g. Anthropology, Communication, Sociology, and Psychology



MOTION: Smith – It is moved to approve the Board Policy revisions with the changes discussed.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Course Review: MUS 150 - History of Rock and Roll**

- The course already carries LAC & gtP designations; the reason for the proposal is to update the course description.
- The syllabus has been updated to meet current standards.
- The proposal has been approved by the appropriate CCCs.

MOTION: Smith – It is moved to approve MUS 150.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Assessment planning**

- The Council discussed ideas on assessment planning and provided feedback on a draft ILO grant application.
 - Show how State outcomes are met, map LAC outcomes to ILOs, and assess how students are learning.
 - Seek input from Council members who were part of the prior assessment committee.
 - Partner with the Assessment Council, IRAS, and other campus entities as needed.
 - Reconstitute the Assess & Curriculum committee and begin soliciting volunteers.

MOTION: Wood – It is moved to reconstitute Assessment & Curriculum committee as an ad hoc committee of the LAC.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00PM.

Tara Wood
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary