



Liberal Arts Council

Council Meeting  
**Remote Meeting - Teams**  
October 20, 2020 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
MINUTES

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

**Absent:** Kraver, Leatherman

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Agenda

Approved with additions of Carino's LAC appeal under LAC appeals process and ELIT 290 under Course Review.

Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting (10/06/2020)

Approved with change of title from "Assistant Provost" to "AVP of Undergraduate Studies" in Standing Reports.

Announcements

Reports

- **Chair's Report** (Wood) – updates on goals for this year:
  - Revise Board Policy & bylaws
    - Board Policy updates have been returned from Codification for our review today.
  - Develop and maintain data on the Liberal Arts Curriculum
    - Chair's report PowerPoint in Teams shows raw data related into LAC offerings.
  - Develop and implement a program for assessing the LAC.
    - We will further discuss development of an assessment plan in unfinished business.
- **Standing Reports**
  - *GE Council* (Matchett) – No Report
  - *AVP of Undergraduate Studies* (Matchett) –
    - Academic leadership is focused on Spring and Fall schedules; feedback from students indicates they are eager for more face-to-face offerings. We'll be working with units to offer more in-person options.
    - We've had many questions about reporting and quarantine procedure for COVID-19. Please report any possible cases unless you're 100% sure it has already been reported. It is not a problem if a case is reported multiple times; it's better to err on the side of caution. More information and links to reporting forms are available at <https://www.unco.edu/coronavirus/health-alerts/>
  - *Core Curriculum Committee Reports*
    - **Language and Mathematics** (Wood) – We will be reviewing ENG 323, our first Advanced Writing (CO3) course. We also drafted additional requirements for CO3



courses.

- **History, Literature, and Humanities** (Smith) – We reviewed and approved HIST 114, HIST 115, and ELIT 290.
- **Philosophy and the Arts** (Yamprai) – Course reviews are underway.
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (*tbd*) – New appointment James Kole will be confirmed at the next Faculty Senate meeting. A chair has yet to be elected.
- **Physical and Life Sciences** (Baird) – No Report
- **International and Multicultural Studies** (Kraver) – *note via email*: We reviewed and approved HIST 114, HIST 115, and ELIT 290. Kraver encourages the LAC to engage in conversation about the larger purpose and scope of the IS/MS designations.
- *Ad Hoc Committee Reports*
  - **Assessment and Curriculum** (*tbd*)
  - **Outreach & Communication** (Kraver) – No Report

### Unfinished Business

- **Board Policy revisions**

- The Council reviewed the revisions from Codification and accepted most them.
- Change 2-3-107(2)(c)(II) to refer to the official gtPathways name: Guaranteed Transfer (GT) Pathways General Education Curriculum.
- Remove leftover reference to ‘courses’ in the CCC section 2-3-107(2)(d)(I)(F) to match the format of the other CCC subsections.

MOTION: Byrnes – It is moved approve the Board Policy revisions as discussed and move forward to Faculty Senate.

VOTE: Approved by voice.

- **Assessment planning**

- The Council discussed a range of topics concerning assessment, including:
  - Whether the LAC should have its own program outcomes and what types of outcomes would be widely applicable to the LAC (e.g. Critical Thinking)
  - Whether LAC program outcomes would be the collection of all area outcomes or a holistic set of program outcomes
  - The Liberal Arts Curriculum as a broad distribution of courses (like the State GTP framework on which it is based), rather than a core with a centralized vision
  - What the relationship might be between LAC program outcomes and UNC Institutional Learning Outcomes
- Let’s examine the collective competencies as a starting point.

- **LAC appeals process**

- Carino appeal – asking to grant LAC area 7 status for completion of UNC course SPCO 323 “Intercultural Communication” in Spring 1999
  - Course was part of the International Cultures general education designation at the time it was taken.
  - Muller confirmed the course is essentially the same as the currently offered COMM 223, which is part of LAC area 7.

MOTION: Muller – It is moved to approve Carino’s appeal to include SPCO 323 toward the LAC area 7 requirement.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.



## New Business

- **Course Review:**

DISCUSSION: The Council considered questions of the larger purpose of the IS and MS designations: what do we hope students learn from IS/MS courses, and what is the standard for inclusion of courses in these categories? Woods recommends revisiting the outcomes for IS/MS. For the time being, courses shall be evaluated by the existing standards.

- **HIST 114 World History to 1500** – nominated for IS, already carries History + GT-HI1
  - Fully reviewed and recommended for inclusion by the CCCs.
  - Syllabus components in need of update:
    - Remove references to the ‘Core’ and ‘Area 4’ and replace with ‘Curriculum’ and ‘History’
      - Include the International Studies designation
    - Update Academic Integrity statement
    - Update GTP content criteria and competencies to reflect verbatim numbering
  - Confirm selections for Additional Course Information in the curriculum workflow.

MOTION: Wood – It is moved approve the course with the conditions above.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **HIST 115 World History since 1500** – nominated for IS, already carries History + GT-HI1
  - Fully reviewed and recommended for inclusion by the CCCs.
  - Syllabus components in need of update:
    - Remove reference to Area 4 and replace with History
    - Update Academic Integrity statement
    - Update Disability Resource Center statement
    - Needs AI statement and DRC and GTP components on syllabus

MOTION: Muller – It is moved approve the course with the conditions above.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **ELIT 290 Survey of Culturally Diverse Literature for Children** – new course nominated for Lit. & Hum. + MS
  - Fully reviewed and recommended for inclusion by the CCCs.
  - Not seeking gTP
  - Syllabus components in need of update:
    - Fix reference to incorrect course number: EDRD 314
    - Update Academic Integrity statement
    - Add the missing portion of the Global Arts & Humanities SLOs

MOTION: Smith – It is moved approve the course with the conditions above.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

## Comments for the Good of the Order

## Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm.



Tara Wood  
Chair

Betsy Kienitz  
Recording Secretary