



Liberal Arts Council

Council Meeting  
**Remote Meeting - Teams**  
November 17, 2020 3:30-5:00 p.m.  
MINUTES

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

**Absent:** Beals, Leatherman

**Guest:** 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 (11/03/2020)

Approved without objection.

Announcements

Reports

- **Chair's Report** (Wood)
  - Voting has opened for the LAC Board Policy revisions; faculty forum to be held on Zoom this Thursday at 3:30pm.
  - We'll put bylaws revisions on the agenda for February.
  - The assessment sub-committee is meeting Friday the 20th.
- **Standing Reports**
  - *GE Council* (Matchett) – GE Council is examining how to implement the statute on workplace learning and award prior learning credit for work experience. It will be a heavy lift to translate certificates, workplace training, etc. into academic/general education course credits. Ideas include unbundling credit to align credit to GTP content criteria/competencies, rather than matching directly to specific courses. The statute passed last Fall, and the State is pushing for implementation in two years.
  - *AVP of Undergraduate Studies* (Matchett) – We continue to process undergraduate program updates through the curriculum workflow. The Engagement Task Force has begun its work to understand how community engagement fits into the wider UNC strategic mission. Recommendations will come around Spring break. One potential impact to the LAC is the question of whether all students should have a community engagement component in the general education curriculum or perhaps in their major programs.
  - *Core Curriculum Committee Reports*
    - **Language and Mathematics** (Wood) – Wood is working with CETL to provide a faculty learning community to improve writing pedagogy. Wood asked a question



about CO3, whether there were any specific requirements about pre-requisites, class standing, etc. Matchett confirmed the State does not mandate anything with pre-requisites. CO3 is the only exception to the rule that only lower division can count toward GTP.

- **History, Literature, and Humanities** (Smith) – Items will be ready for review next time.
- **Philosophy and the Arts** (Yamprai) – Course review underway; ENG 200 and ENG 231 are approved conditionally.
- **Social and Behavioral Sciences** (Beals) – GER 116 is ready for review. The CCC does not recommend BA 251 for inclusion (see note in the curriculum workflow).
- **Physical and Life Sciences** (Baird) – With the loss of the two-prefix rule, a batch of interrelated courses are coming through the workflow to change their status to be mutually exclusive: GEOL 100, GEOL 110, ESCI 150, and MET 110. The Council will review these courses altogether at the next meeting.
- **International and Multicultural Studies** (Kraver) – There are several proposals for review; we will have responses ready for the next LAC meeting.
- *Ad Hoc Committee Reports*
  - **Assessment and Curriculum** (Wood) – A meeting is scheduled for 11/20.
  - **Outreach & Communication** (Kraver) – No Report.

#### Unfinished Business

- **Assessment planning**
  - No update at this time.

#### New Business

- **LAC Appeals**
  - **Maffei appeal** – requesting to waive the requirement for two different subcategories LAC Area 3 due to the student already having 61 applied LAC credits, including having met the additional Area 3/5 requirement.
    - Student has multiple Area 3a's – just missing a course from an additional Area 3 subcategory.
    - As the student has 6 credits in Area 3 and clearly has a broad-based general education, it seems appropriate to approve the request.

MOTION: Harraf – It is moved to approve Maffei's appeal to waive the two-subcategory requirement in Area 3.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Arcineda appeal** – requesting exemption from the two-prefix rule of LAC Area 6 due to misadvising at the community college level.
  - The two-prefix rule will be dropped with the new Liberal Arts Curriculum; however, it is unclear how much course content overlap there might be between the two courses the student completed at Aims: GEY 111 and GEY 112.
    - Both courses are GT-SC1 and are equivalent to GEOL 100 and GEOL 202 respectively.
  - The Council needs more information to make a determination.
  - Ask the student to provide syllabi for GEY 111 and GEY 112, so the Council can assess course content overlap before taking action on the appeal.
- **Heller appeal** – requesting to waive the 40-hour LAC requirement due to the student



having met all the individual LAC categories.

- Student has met all individual LAC areas with 38 credits but only has 85 total credits applied toward degree completion.
- As there are plenty of additional credits that must be earned before reaching 120, it does not seem appropriate to waive the 40-hour LAC requirement.

MOTION: Muller – It is moved to deny Heller’s appeal to waive the 40-hour LAC requirement.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Brown appeal** – requesting to waive LAC Area 3 due to the student having “transferred many Arts & Humanities classes.”
  - Student has only one course applied to Area 3 and has not completed the additional Area 3/5.
  - The other Arts-related courses the student transferred were not initially granted LAC Area 3 status.
  - The Council recommends the student seek advising. If the student and advisor feel that additional transfer course(s) might be applicable to Area 3, they can submit an appeal.

MOTION: Wood – It is moved to deny Brown’s appeal to waive Area 3.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Course Review**

- **GER 116 Contemporary Germany** – nominated for IS and HB/C/SF
  - Course is Area 7 under the Core, and it previously had (but lost) Area 5 status due to issues with course objectives.
  - The proposal was approved by both the IS/MS and SBS CCCs.
    - SBS CCC asked for better mapping of assignments to course objectives.
  - It is unclear whether the proposal is seeking GTP as well as LAC:
    - The proposal indicates GTP, but the syllabus is lacking all GTP components.
  - The Disability Resources and Academic Integrity statements must be updated.

MOTION: Wood – It is moved to deny GER 116 for inclusion in the LAC in its current iteration.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- The Council encourages the department to resubmit the course once the above-mentioned concerns are addressed.

### Comments for the Good of the Order

### Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22pm.

Tara Wood  
Chair

Betsy Kienitz  
Recording Secretary