



Liberal Arts Council

Council Meeting
Campus Commons 2204
March 22, 2022 3:30-5:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Present: Beals (McMahan), Beyers, Denny, Geisendorfer, Houston, Kraver, Leatherman, Matchett, McClatchey, Muller, Smith, Staton, Steele, Uglean Jackson

Absent: Urbach, Wood, Yamprai

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 (03/01/2022)

Approved without objection.

Announcements

Reports

• **Chair's Report** (Muller)

- Reminder to CCC chairs about indirect assessment timeline and materials, available in the Assessment Sub-Committee folder in SharePoint.
 - See 03/22/2022 Chair's Report in SharePoint.
- LAC Video: Shawn Montano and his class have completed faculty/student interviews. We've requested for them to add some UNC/LAC footage to replace stock footage. The goal is to have the video ready by the end of the semester. Any ideas to identify potential volunteers for providing UNC/classroom footage?

DISCUSSION:

- Kraver offered her class if needed.
- Perhaps reach out to Marketing for UNC stock photos.
- We need to identify classes that meet when the video students have availability to film.

• **Standing Reports**

- *GE Council* (Matchett)
 - GE Council met last Monday and continued work to finalize STAAs.
 - Faculty-to-faculty conferences are being reinstated and will be held virtually to encourage participation. Matchett asked members to suggest colleagues who may be interested. The first conference will be April 20th from 10am-2pm and feature four tracks:
 1. Newly revised IB Mathematics curricula: reviewing alignment with gtP Mathematics.
 2. Biology STAA: affirming two separate agreements, one for health/medical sciences and another for bench/lab sciences.



3. Industry certifications (such as computer science): examining work-based learning equivalencies.

- Matchett noted there is a Provost working group looking at offering a free-standing computer science program at UNC.

4. AP African American studies: examining possible gtP alignment.

○ *AVP of Undergraduate Studies* (Matchett)

- UGC declined to have their chair join the Summer Bridge LAC selection committee.
- We are working on posting a live list of LAC courses, particularly those being offered in given semester. Such a list would replace the LAC checklist. Matchett asked whether we want the list to show seats available or just show the courses.

DISCUSSION: *What's helpful for students/advisors to view?*

- Perhaps just show the courses because the class schedule is already searchable by what courses have available seats.

- LAC CCC terms: Members whose terms are ending may be re-appointed if they so choose. Please let Matchett know which members wish to return and which seats will need to be filled. Any recommendations departing members may have for replacements are welcome. Betsy will send the Council a CCC membership list with terms ending highlighted. CCCs will need to elect their chairs for next year; preferably this should be done in early April.

○ *Core Curriculum Committee Reports*

- **Written Communication & World Languages** (Wood) – No Report.
- **History, Literature, & Humanities** (Smith) – No Report.
- **Philosophy & the Arts** (Yamprai) – No Report.
- **Social & Behavioral Sciences** (McMahan) – We have an item under new business.
- **Mathematics & Natural Sciences** (Steele) – We will bring indirect assessment findings next time.
- **International & Multicultural Studies** (Kraver) – No Report.

○ *Ad Hoc Committee Reports*

- **Assessment & Curriculum** (Wood) – We have an item under new business.
- **Outreach & Communication** (Kraver) – No Report.

Unfinished Business

New Business

• **Indirect Assessment reporting – Social & Behavioral Sciences**

- Courses under review: ASIA 116, CHIN 116, CRJ 110, ECON 203, ECON 205, PSCI 100, PSCI 105, PSCI 110, PSCI/MIND 286.
- The Council reviewed the Social & Behavioral Sciences CCC's findings, which included tables cataloging each review element that show where updates are needed.

MOTION: Muller – It is moved to accept the SBS CCC recommendations regarding the indirect assessment findings.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

• **Policy Exemption Requests**

- **Fritts** – request to count STAT 250 toward LAC Area 2
 - STAT 250 is approved for LAX1 for Fall 2022 forward.
 - The department affirmed the course content/expectations at the time the student took the course in Spring 2021 are the same as when the course was approved for LAC.

MOTION: McClatchey – It is moved to approve Fritts' request to count STAT 250 toward LAC Area 2.



VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- Additionally, the Council considered whether to give general approval for any additional students who may have the same request.

MOTION: Steele – It is moved to approve the requests of additional students who make the same request regarding STAT 250.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Torrison** – request to waive the lab/7 credit hour requirement in Area 6
 - Student is a senior who plans to student teach and graduate in Fall 2022.
 - Student has completed both BIO 100 & CHEM 101 (both GT-SC2) for a total of 6 credits in Area 6.
 - Student had registered for the CHEM 102 lab course, but the lab was cancelled due to low enrollment and won't be offered again before or during the Fall semester.
 - The State requires completion of a lab; however, there is no one-credit lab option for the student to take.
 - The issue arose because the lecture and lab portions of the courses are not scheduled as co-requisites; this type of scheduling is not considered best practice.
 - Matchett will communicate with School of Teacher Education/Advising regarding this type of issue and ask colleges/units who utilize this lecture/lab scheduling practice (i.e., NHS and Anthropology) to make changes to prevent this type of issue from occurring.

MOTION: Leatherman – It is moved to approve Torrison's request to waive the lab/7 credit hour requirement in Area 6.

VOTE: Approve by voice vote.

- **LAC Direct Assessment Grant**

- Muller presented the call for proposals for LAC direct assessment grant.
 - Grants will be available for up to \$2,000.00 to support projects that (1) lay the foundation for future improvement efforts, (2) show promise for long-term adoption as part of ongoing LAC assessment, and/or (3) have the potential to be scalable for greater impact.
 - A minimum of two team members is required, and at least one full-time faculty member must be a member of any team.
 - Grant recipients agree to provide a report to the LAC describing not only findings but how those findings will be used to improve student learning.
 - Recipients also agree to present at the 2023 annual Teaching and Assessment Symposium. Projects should be implemented during the 2022/2023 academic year, and the report must be submitted to LAC by May 1, 2023.
- The priority deadline is April 8th; however, proposals may be submitted through the Spring semester.
- The Council can review submissions at the April 19 meeting, and review/approve after that date via email if needed.

MOTION: Kraver – It is moved to approve the Direct Assessment Grant CFP as presented.

DISCUSSION:

- Council members discussed how the CFP will be advertised.
- Muller and Wood will draft starter language for CCC Chairs to distribute to unit leaders in their respective areas.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

Comments for the Good of the Order



Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:37pm.

Heidi Muller
Vice Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary