



Liberal Arts Council

Council Meeting
Campus Commons 2204
October 5, 2021 3:30-5:00 p.m.
MINUTES

Present: Beals (McMahan), Beyers, Denny, Geisendorfer, Houston, Kraver, Leatherman, McClatchey, Smith, Staton, Steele, Uglean Jackson, Urbach, Wood, Yamprai

Absent: Matchett, Muller

Guest: Couch

Call to Order

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

Approval of the Agenda

Approved without objection.

Approval of the Minutes of the Last Meeting (9/21/2021)

Approved without objection.

Announcements

Reports

• **Chair's Report** (Wood)

- Indirect assessment memos went out to unit leaders last week.
- Bylaws are back from Codification with recommendations; we will address them under new business.
- Thank you to everyone who has agreed to serve on the Assessment Subcommittee: Houston, Kraver, Muller, Wood, and Yamprai.
- Shawn Montano's group provided a draft LAC video script that we will look at under the Outreach & Communication report.
- Please remind colleagues about LAC's deadline, November 1st. Be aware of college curriculum deadlines; many are around mid-October.

• **Standing Reports**

- *GE Council* (Matchett) – No Report.
- *AVP of Undergraduate Studies* (Matchett)
 - We are in the early stages of implementing the “degree planner” tool in Degree Works, which will allow us to predict seats needed in each LAC category each term. The main “impact” on the LA Curriculum is that 4-year plans should indicate the term in which students are recommended to take a course in each LAC category (i.e., when should they prioritize ENG, MATH, History, Arts & Hum, SBS, etc.). Students can still move these around, but it gives us a basis for planning.
 - Also related, as of this term, faculty are asked to indicate how often a course is offered (e.g., every term, fall only, spring only, at least once every two years, etc.) when they submit new or revised course forms in the curriculum workflow.



- *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) – No Report.
 - **Mathematics & Natural Sciences** (Steele) – No Report.
 - **International & Multicultural Studies** (Kraver) – IS/MS assessment charts are now available online. MCS 101 is our first course proposal in workflow; it needs syllabus updates and an assessment chart. Betsy has followed up with the faculty member.
- *Ad Hoc Committee Reports*
 - **Assessment & Curriculum** (Wood) – No Report.
 - **Outreach & Communication** (Kraver) – The Council reviewed a draft LAC video script and gave feedback:
 - Update references to “Core”
 - Remove reference to politics in the explanation of liberal arts
 - Update IS/MS section to align with current outcomes
 - Talk about the LAC as an educational/intellectual journey, rather than expounding on specific “credits”, “competencies”, etc.
 - Include LAC impacts on students, how courses sparked their interests, how they discovered interdisciplinary connections, etc.
 - Incorporate faculty voices, interesting locations, and other highlights
 - Maybe interview George Junne about Dearfield
 - Utilize the murals in the Campus Commons
 - Work with the MUS/ASIA 248 Asian Music Culture class offered this semester
 - Compare to the “Get to know the LAC” video on the Advising and Registration Video Library; make sure any messaging is up-to-date and consistent: <https://www.unco.edu/advising/videos/>

Unfinished Business

New Business

• **LAC bylaws final review**

- The Council reviewed the recommended clarifying edits from the Codification Committee; the committee found no conflicts with Board Policy.
- In response to Codification’s questions about the assessment section of the bylaws, the bylaws intentionally provide a brief overview. The steps will be detailed in the Assessment Plan itself.

MOTION: Wood – It is moved to accept the recommendations from Codification and approve the bylaws as amended.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

• **Requests for Exemptions**

- **Frizzell** – request to apply transfer course to LAS1/LASL
 - The Mathematics & Natural Sciences CCC reviewed the lecture and lab syllabus for ENVS 1205K from Columbus State University.
 - CCC members found the syllabus does not meet LAS1/LASL competencies, and as such, they do not recommend approving the policy exemption request.

MOTION: Steele – It is moved to deny Frizzell’s request to apply ENVS 1205K to LAS1/LASL.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote, 1 opposed.



Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.

Tara Wood
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary