



UNIVERSITY OF
NORTHERN COLORADO

Liberal Arts Council

Council Meeting
Campus Commons 2204
November 16, 2021 3:30-5:00 p.m.
MINUTES

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

Absent: Staton, Urbach

Guests: Dickensheets, Rich

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 (11/02/2021)

Approved without objection.

Announcements

Reports

• **Chair's Report** (Wood)

- Thanks to those who sent comments about the LAC video script.
- Overview of course proposals under review this semester (see full Chair's Report in the LAC SharePoint).

• **Standing Reports**

- *GE Council* (Matchett) – The last meeting focused primarily on the House Bill 20-1002 concerning work-based learning (WBL). They originally wanted to mandate gtP credit for WBL, but gtP credit seems unlikely in many cases. By January 2022, the State must have a plan for implementation of the statute, and schools will start implementation in Fall 2022. Once the plan is finalized, we can share slides/information with the LAC. Institutions will evaluate WBL, and if an institution awards gtP credit on the transcript, other institutions must accept it.
- *AVP of Undergraduate Studies* (Matchett) – We are working to make curriculum review a year-round process. The deadline in Fall is to make it to the next catalog. We promise to give an up or down vote for this year's catalog cycle for whatever version of a course proposal is submitted by 11/1. The CCCs can look at revisions received after that date, but we just can't guarantee review on revisions received after that deadline. We will need to vote on CCC recommendations for all proposals received by 11/1 at the next meeting.
- *Core Curriculum Committee Reports*
 - **Written Communication & World Languages** (Wood) – No Report.
 - **History, Literature, & Humanities** (Smith) – We have one course proposal on the



agenda; other items will be coming at the next meeting.

- **Philosophy & the Arts** (Yamprai) – We have four course proposals on the agenda. We will have the recommendation for HUM 130 later this week.
- **Social & Behavioral Sciences** (McMahan) – No Report.
- **Mathematics & Natural Sciences** (Steele) – We are reviewing revisions for ANT 130L; we recommend approval of STAT 250.
- **International & Multicultural Studies** (Kraver) – IS/MS CCC reviews are complete.
- *Ad Hoc Committee Reports*
 - **Assessment & Curriculum** (Wood) – No Report.
 - **Outreach & Communication** (Wood) – The students are working on the video; work will carry over to Spring.

Unfinished Business

New Business

• **Course Review**

- **FILM 120 Introduction to Film** – PA CCC recommends continued inclusion in LAA1/GT-AH1; IS/MS CCC does not recommend approval for LAIS.

MOTION: Yamprai – It is moved to approve FILM 120 for continued inclusion in LAA1/GT-AH1.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- As for seeking LAIS, it was not clear in the syllabus how LAIS expectations would be met.
- The originator confirmed they are not seeking further revisions toward LAIS for this curriculum cycle.

MOTION: Kraver – It is moved to deny FILM 120 inclusion in LAIS.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **MUS 144 Exploring Music in Film** – PA CCC recommends approval for LAA1/GT-AH1.

MOTION: Yamprai – It is moved to approve MUS 144 for inclusion in LAA1/GT-AH1.

- Smith noted that MUS 144 is similar to an existing 400-level MUS class that will continue to be offered; Matchett will investigate the matter.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **MUS 145 Music for Cartoons: Disney to Anime** – PA CCC recommends approval for LAA1/GT-AH1.

MOTION: Yamprai – It is moved to approve MUS 145 for inclusion in LAA1/GT-AH1.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- McClatchey noted that the attendance policy in the syllabus lists a 6.66% deduction to a student's grade for every unexcused absence, which seems rather strict.
 - Yamprai explained that the course is scheduled to meet only once per week, so an unexcused absence has a big impact.
- Attendance policies are outside the purview of LAC review. The vote for approval is based on whether the course meets the required criteria.

- **MUS 226 History of Rap and Hip Hop Culture** – HLH CCC does not recommend approval for LAH1/GT-HI1.

- The HLH CCC determined the course as designed does not meet LAC History criteria and would be better suited as an Arts LAC course given the approach



used in the syllabus.

- History studies change over time broadly, as opposed to the relationship between historical context and a particular art form. For this reason, courses that study historical influence on the development of an art form, whether music, cinema, painting, theatre, etc., will always be arts courses.

DISCUSSION:

- Other history-of-arts courses currently in the LAC are in the Arts & Expression category: Art history series, Musical Theatre history, Music history, and Theatre history.
- Leatherman asked where a history of science course would potentially fit in the LAC.
- Any course that meets LAC History criteria (which are the State gtP criteria) should be approved for inclusion, regardless of its disciplinary prefix.

MOTION: Smith – It is moved to deny MUS 226 inclusion in LAH1/GT-HI1.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- McMahan asked about expectations for course mapping/assessment charts; the level of detail varies widely in submissions.
 - CCCs can always ask for better/more detailed mapping for assessments.
 - The Council might want to examine mapping expectations in a later semester.

- **THEA 159 The Art of Acting for All Majors** – PA CCC recommends approval for LAA1/GT-AH1.

MOTION: Yamprai – It is moved to approve THEA 159 for inclusion in LAA1/GT-AH1.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

• Policy Exemption Requests

- **Cronk** – request to count GEOG 100 toward LAIS
 - The student took the course in Fall 2020.
 - GEOG 100 has the LAIS attribute for Fall 2021 forward, which is noted on the LAC checklist.
 - Approval is recommended as the acting chair of Geography affirms the course content and expectations for Fall 2020 were the same as in Fall 2021.

MOTION: Wood – It is moved to approve Cronk’s request to count GEOG 100 toward LAIS.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Hetzel** – request to count CHEM 103/103L toward LAS1/LASL
 - Denial is recommended as the course has never had LAC status, and there is no evidence of mis-advisement.
 - This is the second request for the same course to count toward LAC; both requests originated from the same advisor.
 - Perhaps a note could be added to the course description to indicate the course is not LAC. Matchett will work with unit.

MOTION: Wood – It is moved to deny Hetzel’s request to apply CHEM 103/103L toward LAS1/LASL.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.



- **Malone** – request to waive LAC Area 1a due to mis-advisement
 - The student transferred in an Area 1b course but does not have an Area 1a course.
 - The student claims that a previous advisor counseled that another course would transfer in as Area 1a; however, it transferred in as Area 3b.
 - Approval is recommended as there was no GT-CO3 option at UNC when the student began their program.
 - The student is seeking to apply for Fall 2021 graduation pending the decision of this appeal.

MOTION: Wood – It is moved to approve Malone’s request to waive LAC Area 1a.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- **Mazza** – request to waive LAX1 due to having an ACT/SAT Math exemption in their previous catalog year
 - ACT/SAT waivers are no longer an option starting with this year’s catalog.
 - Approval is recommended as the student started their program at UNC with the understanding that their LAC Math was exempted.

MOTION: Wood – It is moved to approve Mazza’s request to waive LAX1 due to having an ACT/SAT Math exemption in their previous catalog.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

- As students change their catalog years, we will see more of this type of request in the future.

MOTION: Geisendorfer – It is moved to allow the Registrar’s Office to waive LAX1 for students who had an ACT/SAT Math exemption in their previous catalog.

VOTE: Approved by voice vote.

Comments for the Good of the Order

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42pm.

Tara Wood
Chair

Betsy Kienitz
Recording Secretary