



**LIBERAL ARTS COUNCIL
MINUTES
January 18, 2011
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Present: David Aske, Joe Elkins, Nancy Matchett, Michael Mills, Richard Newmark, Benjamin Schiffelbein, Tom Smith, Tom Trelogan, Ben Varner, Stephanie Wiegand

Absent: Kenneth Chan, Alena Clark, Christine Talbot

Guests: Ted Cain, Stephanie Torrez, Angela Vaughan

The meeting was called to order by Tom Trelogan at 3:35 p.m.

Announcements

In regards to gtPathway approval process in Denver SOC 170 has been approved; SES220 has been deferred; ART 185 has not been reviewed.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of November 30 were approved unanimously.

Reports

Chair's Report

Previously stated in the announcements.

GE 25 Report

The topic of state-wide articulation agreements are still a high priority. Two programs are nearing approval. There is a concern with an agreement for biology in regards to online labs.

SES 220 was not reviewed. The review committee would like to see a more clearly articulated syllabus.

Core Curriculum Committee Reports

None.

Speaker Subcommittee Report

None.

Core Publicity Subcommittee Report

Alena Clark will be joining the subcommittee.

Old Business

UNIV 101

UNIV 101 has not been recommended by the UGC

The committee has not received updated paperwork in regards to UNIV 101 from the UGC.

The Chair notes that this course has not been recommended by an academic unit but rather from Academic Support and Advising. An academic body would be required to submit courses per policy, which we do not have.

We are in a position to entertain a motion to approve or deny this course.

The deadline for the catalog is the beginning of February.

Vaughan noted that this course could be the appropriate home of the first-year common book.

It was asked if a formal faculty chair/group is needed for the approval of this course per any sort of policy. The answer is unclear but an answer may be found in the codification committee.

Some people feel that FYE 108 (and ID 108) was created without the appropriate channels and input from faculty and that concern may be part of the problems with UNIV 101 getting support/approval. Because there has been a question of the legitimacy of the course FYE 108 there is apprehension of UNIV. It should be noted that voting against UNIV 101 is, in a sense, a vote for FYE 108 since that course is already functioning.

Vaughan asked that if the course was not approved that she receive full feedback on why it was not approved.

It was asked if this course is a co-requisite course that had to be “paired” – the answer is that co-requisite is a misnomer in that the program will be paired with other courses, but this is not necessarily true that the course cannot stand on its own. If a student decides they want to drop their paired LAC course they would need to drop their UNIV 101 course, however if they want to drop the UNIV 101 course they could still be a part of the LAC course.

It was clarified by Stephanie Torrez that students seeking to add this course will be having conversations with ASA members so that will be informed of their choices and registration responsibilities.

Smith noted that students are not being funneled into this program automatically and the selection of this course is an opt-in.

Matchett asked if Vaughan would be amenable to changing the syllabus to have an explicit statement regarding the interdisciplinary nature of the course and the stipulations to drop the course.

Mills noted that this cause concerns for student athletes in regards to how they will be integrated into the program – dropping 5 credits could cause a problem. Vaughan responded that student athletes could just drop the UNIV 101 and not the paired LAC, resulting in only 2 credits dropped.

Newmark suggested that the student most likely to drop this course/pairing may be the students most in need of the course.

It was asked why ENG 122 was not a paired course; Torrez commented on the various reasons ENG 122 is not being paired with UNIV 101.

Schiffelbein's concern was that this course cannot stand on its own; Smith and Vaughan responded with information regarding the need for this course and the ability of the course to connect real-time, practical learning as connected with the paired course.

Newmark moved to add the UNIV 101 course to LAC electives area conditional upon receiving the course from a recommending faculty body, the addition of amendments made by the LAC in regards to course description in the catalog and syllabus, a recommendation from the UGC, and a signature from Tom Smith. Seconded by Elkins.

Discussion of the motion –

Weigand asked why the UGC did not vote in favor of the course; Smith addressed the concerns of the UGC.

The motion carries by 5-1-1 at 5:01pm

New Business

Contingency Plans Regarding Course Review

Deferred until next meeting.

Matchette/Newmark moved to adjourn.
The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Jaime Ingrisano
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