

LIBERAL ARTS COUNCIL
North Hall Conference Room
November 1, 2016

MINUTES

Attendance: Fitzpatrick, Trelogan, Milstead, Baird, Smith, Markowski, Iannacchione, Geisendorfer, Steele, Newman, Nelson, Urbach, Geisendorfer, Gardner, Newmark, Franklin, Johnson, Sharp, Couch, Black

Meeting Called to Order at 3:31pm

Approval of Agenda – Agenda approved

Approval of Minutes from September - Minutes approved

Chair's Report (Fitzpatrick) – HLC has advised its requirements for faculty qualifications.

Faculty meet those requirements through their degrees. Tested experience is another piece to evaluate hiring faculty. Minimum definitions of what counts as tested experience (experience outside of the classroom). This will be under each department's purview. Fresh Start Policy has been reworded to be more easily understood.

Announcements

Constructing document with URLs – send suggestions to Sam (samantha.black@unco.edu)

Standing Reports

GE Council Report (Bentz) – Three faculty from writing communication, math, and history will attend Fac2Fac this coming Friday to discuss CLEP and DSST. On Thursday Kim Black was invited and agreed to lead sessions on mapping gtP content/competencies with institutional student learning outcomes.

AVP Report (Smith) – No report

Core Curriculum Committee Reports –

- Area 6 lost two people and Baird couldn't get anyone new to volunteer. Course review might be problematic with half a committee.
- Area 7 & 8 came up with a draft. Faculty are receptive to area 8. They will finalize area 8 while they try to figure out area 7.
- Area 5, 3b, 4 – No reports
- Area 1 & 2 – Faculty are waiting to submit courses until closer to the deadline

Ad Hoc Committee Reports:

Assessment – CCC already reviews syllabi, so they would be the best body to address the issue of reviewing syllabi. Wieben created a sample checklist for course submissions. The committee hasn't voted on this document yet, but will plan to. Fitzpatrick would like to circulate the document with the rest of the council if Wieben is comfortable and once the committee votes on it.

Curriculum – Before they propose changes, they would like to get input from the Council. The core curriculum is a redesign and Fitzpatrick would like everyone to think about how is the best way to do this. Should we follow the state or create our own ideas? Any ideas should go to Nelson or Fitzpatrick for them to compile.

Outreach & Communication – Still don't have a chair due to the lack of attendance. How do they distribute information of the LAC to the students? Listservs are useful to get in touch with people. They plan to utilize social media sites. They would like to set up a Liberal Arts Core page that is focused on publicity and being interactive with students. They spoke with Ronna Johnson. The Liberal Arts Intern would be someone who maintains the site or gets credit for it, etc. Around Campus is a widely read newsletter might be a good way to get

connected to students (coordinated by Gary Dutmers).

Policy & By-Laws – Reviewed the Board of Trustees and LAC bylaws. They discussed membership and courses and compliance with the Board and bylaws. Does the LAC have a student representative?

New Business

Review of CCC membership roster – Fitzpatrick asked the Council to review the members listed and share edits/changes to Fitzpatrick/Pekar.

Exception to rule for SCI 266 & SCI 265 to both count for satisfying Area 6 requirement – Passed by Council on October 6, 2015; need statement put in catalogue 2017-2018.

Registrar Question (Couch & Sharp): What courses should be allowed to count in areas 7 & 8 with study abroad work.

- Narrative change will come from Couch
- Franklin will initiate the title change for area 8. The document will go to the area 8 CCC and then it will go to Pekar for further processing.
- Trelogan thinks this need to go out to the advising center. But Franklin said it might be an issue with advising in departments, not the advising center. Couch will coordinate with the advising center to get them up-to-speed with the changes.
- The concern is not the title but the content.
- Newmark requested a definition for U.S. Multiculturalism.
- Registrar needs a representative from LAC who can review courses from 7 & 8. Franklin accepts the task of reviewing these courses.

Review of LAC website – Fitzpatrick asked the Council to review the site and let Pekar know so she can make edits to the site

Create deadlines for Area 6 review – Deferred

Review LAC packet for approval: ENG 122, ENG 123, ENG 225 - Milstead will contact the faculty who submitted syllabi and ask them to resend with the curriculum packets.

Brainstorm ideas for re-shaping/re-designing core curriculum - Deferred

Unfinished Business

SCI 291 (Baird) - Complete

LAC Course Nomination draft (Markowski) – Deferred until the Council begins accepting new courses. She would like to get the final draft reviewed in December.

Continuation of EED exception to the “nine-credit rule” discussion – Couch wants to be transparent with how the Registrar proceeds with this subject. APC doesn’t see an issue due to the language. The Registrar can correct this in Degree Works. The only two programs to be impacted are Music and EED.

F2F documents and discussion – Deferred

Institutional data collection special reports

AY 16-17 Goals

Continue work on Area competencies

Establish timelines for re-review of current courses in the core

Comments to the Good of the Order

Meeting Adjourned at 5:00pm

Colleen Fitzpatrick, Chair

Abby Pekar, Recording Secretary