

## MINUTES

University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education (UCCLE)  
September 5, 2012 – 2:00–3:15 p.m.  
230 Student Services Building

Members Present: Althea Aschmann, Sheila Carter-Tod, Klaus Elgert, Richard Ferraro, Virginia Fowler, Kurt Hoffman, Ann-Marie Knoblauch, Kate McConnell, Robert Oliver, Marlene Preston, Renee Selberg-Eaton, Debbie Smith, Dan Thorp

Guests Present: Bonnie Alberts

Members Absent: Paul Heilker, Sam Hicks, Carolyn Meier, Marie Parette

1. **Call to Order** – The meeting was called to order by Kurt Hoffman, Chair, at 2:00 p.m.
2. **Approval of Agenda** – A motion was made to approve the Agenda. It was seconded and approved unanimously.
3. **Approval of Minutes of May 2, 2012** – A motion was made to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2012 meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
4. **Introductions** – Kurt Hoffman introduced himself as Chairman, and all members introduced themselves. Hoffman will request two new representatives from the SGA since both students have a conflict at this meeting time.
5. **Committee/Subcommittee Organization** – Hoffman discussed the proposed learning objectives of the CLE (attached) in draft copy.

He asked members to select their first and second choice of specific Areas (1, 2, 6; 3, 7; and 4, 5) of proposal review for the CLE. Each subcommittee will be posted on Scholar by the weekend. UCCLC information will be posted on Scholar for the committee's reference. This information can also be found on the CLE website. A list of "liaisons" from each department will also be available for members' reference.

The Working Group was created by Dan Thorp to provide input to the UCCLC from other offices on campus with an interest in general education. It is not intended to approve the actions of the UCCLC; it is simply a forum for a wider discussion of ideas originating in the UCCLC. This summer, for example, Thorp provided its members a memorandum (attached) outlining the current thinking of the UCCLC about the Foundational (9 hours), Integrated Studies (18 hours), and Capstone (3 hours) portions of a possible revision of the CLE and solicited their reactions to it.

Recommendation for First Reading – GER 3474

6. **Plans for the Academic Year –**

a. Review of last 12 months – Dan Thorp explained to the committee that the Provost wants to abolish the CLE and replace it with a new curriculum for liberal education for a better undergraduate experience. It was suggested that members talk with their colleagues concerning the new CLE as there may be a model to copy.

b. Goals for UCCLC meetings – Hoffman suggested that each month the members of the Proposal Subcommittee review proposals and vote on them. He would like to designate the third Wednesday of the month for this committee to meet (Room 230 Student Services Building) to also discuss integrated courses (not an official meeting: no minutes taken, no role taken). The purpose is to develop a proposal plan each month that can be presented at the regularly scheduled meeting. Hoffman has received numerous e-mails from members with ideas, thoughts, and objections and he welcomes ideas from members for the order of the UCCLC meetings.

c. Discussion of Subcommittees – After a discussion period, it was decided that on the third Wednesday of each month (this month's being September 19, 2012, at 2:00 p.m.) Kurt Hoffman and Dan Thorp will meet in 230 Student Services Building to discuss "First Year Writing." The entire committee is invited to participate.

7. **Other Business** – There was none.

8. **Adjournment** – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted:

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Bonnie Alberts