

**Academic Council Minutes  
November 11, 2022**

First Name	Last Name	College/Department
Zachary	Abernathy	CAS
Fatima	Amir	CAS
Leslie	Bickford	CAS
Kori	Bloomquist**	CAS
Kelly	Costner	COE
Marguerite	Doman	CBA
Adam	Glover	CAS
Jessie	Hamm	CAS
Sherry	Hoyle	COE
Michael	Matthews	COB
Jeff	McEvoy*	CVPA
Alice	McLaine	COE
Jeremy	Mims	CVPA
Douglas	Presley	CVPA
Mike	Sickels	CAS
Michael	Whitney	CBA
Cody	Walters	Dacus Library
Gina	Jones	Rec and Reg
Miguel	Caldwell*	Council of Student Leaders

\*\* on sabbatical

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Visitors: Tim Drueke, Wendy Sellers, Ephraim Sommers, Beth Costner, Jennifer Jordan

**I. Minutes from September 23, 2022 meeting approved via email**

**II. Remarks from the Chair (Alice McLaine)**

Dr. McLaine brought the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. She had no remarks other than asking for patience if she is slow to respond to email as she is now interim department chair and has picked up some responsibilities.

**III. Remarks from the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs (Peter Judge)**

Dr. Judge thanked everyone for their hard work.

Regarding the proposal for withdrawing tenure: he doesn't think this is responsibility of AC. He agrees the change should be made. Tim Drueke is working with a faculty group to go over these changes. It's just a matter of implementing the new policy. He said it's not a change in policy of *whether* the person can withdraw but *when*.

He indicated that the General Education committee has been asked to review the Gen Ed program. The President and he said they are probably going to be asked to look at the Gen Ed program by Gray and Associates. He noted that there have been no proposals. He did state that it is complicated and assessment is difficult. There is now a detailed assessment of each course.

There is no agenda of trying to eliminate anything. We are meeting with Gen Ed Committee on Monday.

Dr. McLaine thanked Dr. Judge for his responses, especially with regard to the application withdrawals. The former Provost had suggested it come to AC. Dr. Judge said if needed, it could go to Faculty Conference.

**IV. Remarks from the President of the Council of Student Leaders (Miguel Caldwell)**

Mr. Caldwell is doing an internship and could not attend.

**V. New Business**

**A. Curriculum Action**

1. New Program: Minor in Global Arts and Visual Culture--New minor

Does not need a motion since it came from a standing committee.

**Unanimously approved.**

**B. Cultural Events Committee Proposal Regarding Virtual Events**

Re: allowing virtual events to continue

Since this is a standing committee, no motion was needed.

Dr. Michael Whitney asked about the twelve hours. Dr. Walters indicated that the first twelve events to be approved.

Mr. Drueke indicated the twelve was about management as an institution.

Dr. McLaine said she assumed that folks were saying that CE should all be in person. However, there are many folks are very supportive of virtual events. This is especially beneficial to Post-traditional students.

Dr. Doman asked about limiting students to twelve. Dr. Sommers said that was how many were being offered each semester. He indicated that he had assumed folks would be concerned with continued virtual events, and that twelve would be a compromise. He said that they may withdraw that recommendation.

Mr. Drueke suggested that one thing to think about is if a student is here four years, they're not going to do twelve virtual events in one semester. He noted that event sponsors have to manage attendance and this is a manual process for R&R because ID cards are not scanned. He also noted that post-traditional/off-campus students have opportunities to other off-campus events.

Dr. Costner asked about the monitoring. Dr. McLaine clarified the manual process in R&R.

Dr. Matthews said if it was an issue, we can fix later.

Dr. Costner asked about the limit—this may cause an issue with competition (among sponsors) to get those slots. He mentioned that the library offers a lot of events and they could get many of those slots leaving only a few for other folks.

Dr. Sommers said he read the temperature wrong on this and is happy to strike the limit.

Dr. Sickels commented there were only five so far this semester so this may not be an issue.

Dr. Doman suggested that students be limited to how many virtual events they attend.

Ms. Jones said that would be difficult to manage.

Dr. McLaine recommended perhaps encouraging students to in-person events.

Dr. Whitney said it may be a wash since there were only five being offered this semester.

It may not be as big of an issue as we think.

There was also mention of asking why the event had to be virtual rather than in-person. Dr. Sommers said they could remove that proposal as well.

Dr. Coster suggested that we say that AC supports virtual events.

Dr. Sommers said we could make virtual a permanent fixture, so the proposal is to continue to allow virtual events. The onus of attendance would continue to be on the faculty moderator.

Dr. Sommers mentioned that the committee was told virtual events were ok during the pandemic but that they would cease afterwards. He just wanted to verify that we were going to continue to allow.

Dr. McLaine asked if Dr. Sommers would send a revised proposal. She will send it to members with a Qualtrics ballot. We need to have vote by end of the weekend so we can let Faculty Conference know.

**C. *General Education Assessment Committee Proposal***

Remove SLO#3—from global perspectives component since it was not approved by faculty conference.

Dr. Abernathy asked if we were striking the SLO or going back to the original language.

Dr. Sellers clarified that the component to identify global events was never approved. In the current assessment process, several instructors said they didn't know that was a requirement. She went over minutes from meetings and couldn't find where this was approved. They're just trying to simplify as it should not have been there to start with. Regarding global events, that was related to the old SACS QEP.

The motion is to remove SLO#3 from a standing committee. **The proposal was unanimously approved.**

**D. *General Education Curriculum Committee Report***

There was no report other than a note that the committee is meeting with the Provost and President on Monday.

Dr. McLaine said if you have strong opinions on GE to send a note to Dr. Costner.

There is a process for this and all voices will be heard.

**VI. *Announcements--none***

**VII. *Adjournment***

Dr. McLaine thanked everyone for their work.

Adjourned at 2:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gina Jones, Secretary