

**UNC GREENSBORO**  
**GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES**  
**Friday, January 20, 2023**  
**1:00 PM • 2711 MHRA**

Members Present: Jessica McCall, Hunter Bacot, Angela Bolte, Frances Bottenberg, Sarah Cervenak, Jim Coleman, Indika Dissanayake, Amy Harris Houk, Jeremy Ingraham, Sara Littlejohn, Izzet Lofca, Jessica Obermeyer, Chris Partridge, Gary Rosenkrantz, Dana Saunders, Terry Wicks, Jonathan Zarecki

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**I. Approval of Minutes from December 2, 2022**

Motion to approve December 2, 2022 meeting minutes (Zarecki, Ingraham), motion approved.

**II. Assessment Update – Frances Bottenberg**

Frances provided an update on the progress of MAC Assessment. The fall 2022 scoring exercise of MAC courses in Diversity & Equity, Written Communication, and Quantitative Reasoning was successful. We had about 80% of the instructors participate and turn in student work products for assessment. We will work with the data to build a report which will help us identify if students are achieving level 2 of the rubric. As a reminder, Council set level 2 (out of 4) as the goal for general education courses. We also had a successful January workshop, where peer reviewers looked at the same student work.

Rubric revision is ongoing. We are making progress toward finetuning all the MAC assessment rubrics.

▪ **MAC Competency Work Group Reports – Information Literacy**

Amy Harris Houk and Jonathan Zarecki provided an update on the Information Literacy SLOs. Council reviewed the Proposal to replace Health & Wellness SLOs.

Two MAC competencies, Foundations and Health & Wellness, include Information Literacy SLOs (information literacy is intentionally assessed). This group was tasked with looking at those SLOs separately and in context with other SLOs for the two competencies. The work group recommends streamlining the Information Literacy SLOs which would align the Foundations and Health & Wellness Information Literacy SLOs. Currently, the Information Literacy SLOs differ in these two competencies. Both competencies should contain the evaluate SLO and the citation SLO, the synthesize SLO included in Health & Wellness should be removed to create this alignment.

The proposed SLO, “Critically evaluate information and media sources in a variety of formats” Would replace “Synthesize information from multiple sources to support arguments and/or inform decisions.”

Motion to approve proposal to change Health & Wellness SLO #3 (Ingraham, Coleman), motion approved.

### III. Spring Semester Schedule

Chair reviewed the spring meeting schedule and shared upcoming discussion items:

Friday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – 1pm (meeting added to schedule)

Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup> - 11am (meeting time moved) – Rubric groups will submit revisions by the end of January and Council will review revisions

Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup> – meeting cancelled

Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 1pm

Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – 1pm

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – 1pm

Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – 1pm

Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup> – 1pm

### IV. IC Update – Amy Harris Houk

- Moratorium on new MAC proposals/Removing current course competencies –  
*Discussion Item*

Amy advised the Implementation Committee has discussed the issue of ‘mini-MAC’ and suggests placing a moratorium on new MAC courses. A pause would give the IC and Council time to address issues such as mini-MACs and low-fill seat rates. Amy shared a MAC Enrollment Snapshot F23. Foundations and Global courses have a lower fill rate. IC will hold a retreat February 6<sup>th</sup> to review data, number of MAC courses and fill rates.

Discussion followed. IC will provide initial guidance with scheduling of these low-fill courses. Council should create a plan/criterion to deal with future enrollment. The data should not be used against smaller departments. Should the moratorium be placed on all courses, there is a need for additional seats in the competencies with the higher fill rates. Discussion concerned the start date of the moratorium; it does not seem ethical to not review courses in the pipeline.

Motion to adopt a moratorium on new MAC proposals (Zarecki, Coleman) motion approved (7-1).

Discussion concerned timing of moratorium.

Motion to institute moratorium immediately, including courses in the pipeline. (Coleman, Wicks). Motion rejected (4 in favor, 6 opposed).

Motion to institute moratorium immediately, excluding courses in the pipeline for the 2023-2024 Catalog (Ingraham, Zarecki), motion approved (9-1).

Council should thoughtfully consider future MAC courses.

Additional IC discussion items are removal of current MAC competencies, MAC/GEC appeals, Study Abroad transfer equivalencies,

Motion to consider CCI 108 as next agenda item (Harris Houk, Coleman) motion approved.

## V. MAC Course Proposals

- CCI 108 Playing Games and the Ancient World (New Course)  
Request: Foundations (effective Fall 2023)  
*Request tabled (10/21/22), Course is narrowly focused on content other than Foundations.*  
Motion to approve (Ingraham, Wicks), motion approved with 1 recusal and one abstention.
  
- ELC 281 Cultural Foundations of Education (Revised Course)  
Request: Diversity & Equity through the Humanities and Fine Arts OR through the Social & Behavioral Sciences competency  
*Move to 1/27/23 meeting*
  
- TED 150 Changing the World through Education (New Course)  
Request: Foundations competency  
*Move to 1/27/23 meeting*

## VI. General Overview of upcoming Council agenda items

- Review/update Council membership in the Faculty Constitution
- AA/AS Transfer students from states other than North Carolina

Chair shared upcoming action items (must vote):

- Changing course competencies – Courses that were crosswalked, and would like to now change competencies
- Study Abroad MAC credit – IC will discuss this next week. Study abroad courses were not crosswalked.
- Competency based MAC credit - Military credit, UNC System guidelines are available. UNCG will need to develop a mechanism to evaluate the
- Council Membership – Current makeup of Council does not align with the MAC program.
- Clear criteria for appeals

Upcoming Discussion items:

- Online MAC sections – We do not have enough online MAC sections, additional sections are needed
- Ongoing data analysis to inform communication to departments/campus -
- DFW rates and MAC courses – how/when to address this?

Motion to move January 27, 2023 meeting to Zoom (Cervenak, Zarecki), motion approved.

**VII. MAC Appeals (move to 1/27/23 meeting)**

- 24900: Request to allow ETH 101 to satisfy MAC Diversity & Equity through the Humanities and Fine Arts OR through the Social & Behavioral Sciences competency
- 24901: Request to allow BIO 133 to satisfy MAC Data Analysis and Interpretation in the Natural Sciences competency
- 67571: Request to allow AST 101 to satisfy MAC Data Analysis and Interpretation in the Natural Sciences competency
- 67642: Request to allow RCTX 2200 to satisfy MAC Health & Wellness competency
- 67649: Request to allow MATH 2121 to satisfy MAC Quantitative Reasoning competency