Members Present: Chuck Booth, Ann Higginbotham, Sandy Brooks, Bob Wolf, Delar Singh, Carol Williams

1. Review of minutes of 9/15/08 – accepted (Higginbotham; Williams)

2. Announcements, Reports and Correspondence
   Senate Executive Committee – Senate has put out a call for someone to fill the LAPC Senate rep seat
   Academic Affairs Committee – Ann will act as the Academic Affairs Committee rep to the LAPC, in addition to her current position representing Social Sciences.
   First Year Program Committee – Marty Levin from the First Year Program joined our meeting to inform us of a serious problem that relates to the LAC. There are only about 30 sections of LAP 130 currently scheduled for Spring 2009. While there may be a few more forthcoming, it is unlikely there will be the 48 sections it is estimated are needed to enroll all the students who need this course within their first 30 credits. Several scenarios for remediating this immediate problem were discussed – such as over-enrolling sections of LAP 130, waiving the requirement in lieu of the FYR course, or extending the number of credits within which students have to take LAP 130. While none of these was an ideal, even if temporary, solution, the following motion was approved:

   The LAPC recommends to the Senate that the requirement that students take LAP 130 in the first 30 credits of coursework be temporarily waived, and instead that LAP 130 must be taken within the first 45 credits of coursework. This waiver is temporary, and ONLY for students normally required to take LAP 130 in the Spring of 2009. (Higginbotham; Wolf) – approved

   This is a temporary solution only, and the issue of having enough LAP 130 courses for future spring semesters will still need to be addressed with a permanent solution. Students should be encouraged to take LAP 130 in the spring if possible, to fill up all the sections offered. Those who can not get into a section can take it in Fall 2009 instead without curricular repercussions (additional sections will need to be solicited for Fall 2009)

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5. Tunxis Community College courses for LAC credit – Carol reminded us that Tunxis may be interested in designing and offering some courses that would fulfill LAC requirements (Tier I or Tier II), which may not be direct correlations to courses already offered at ECSU. The committee would be interested in having Tunxis fill out the course proposal forms to approve the course(s) if students will be getting LAC credit for them. There was some concern about whether ECSU students might choose to take the CC course for LAC credit instead of a course at ECSU; Chuck will bring this issue up with the Implementation Team.

4. Faculty forums on Tier III – The two forums held in the previous week were productive discussions, with about 10-12 faculty at each. LAPC members emphasized that there are no pre-conceived ideas about what a Tier III course should look like, as long as it addresses the learning outcomes on the course proposal form. There was concern about the Chancellor’s announcement that new 4 credit courses would not be allowed, as some were hoping to design 4 credit Tier III courses. As far as the LAPC is concerned, 4 credit Tier III courses are not a problem, but there may be other issues with 4 credit courses.

Course proposals – tabled until next meeting

Adjourn (Wolf; Singh)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sandy Brooks, 9/23/08

Approved 10/7/08