

College of Liberal Arts Council

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Meeting on Feb. 3, 2009

Present: Roberto Barrios, Sara Beardsworth, Steve Belletine, Susan Benson, Getahun Benti, Julie Bird, Anne Chandler, Kathy Chonez, Leonard Gadzekpo, Meera Komarraju, Chris Mullins, Dan Silver, Matthew Therrell, Jonathan Wiesen, Christinia Gould, Steven Lancaster, Kristie Lipford, Aaron Allehoff, Daniel Allen Colcord, Alan Vaux, David DiLalla, Anita Hutton, Randy Burnside, Orion Poulin, Melissa Brandt and Shenetra Franklin

Meeting called to order by Randy Burnside, CoLA Council Vice-Chair at 6:02

Approval of minutes from last meeting

Reports from the Office of the Dean

Dean Alan Vaux

Alan expressed concern about the budget. He also updated the council on hiring in the college noting that 2 hires were complete and 4 more were ongoing.

Associate Dean David DiLalla

No Report

Assistant to the Dean Anita Hutton

No Report

Sharing Reports from Units

Linguistics (Karen Baertsch, Aaron Allehoff)

History (Getahun Benti)

Anthropology (Roberto Barrios, Dawn Stricklin)

Committee Reports

Academic Policy:

Anne Chandler introduced two proposals for majors the first was for a major in Africana Studies and the Second was for a major in International Studies. A brief question and answer session took place where representatives for both programs answered questions from the council. This was followed by Dean Vaux giving full support to both proposals. Both degree programs were unanimously approved by the Council.

Ad hoc Goodwill:

Dan addressed the need for Banner training for essential faculty and staff within departments in CoLA. Associate Dean DiLalla echoed his concerns. Anita Hutton addressed how specific issues with registration will be dealt with. The dean also noted that concerns about Banner were valid and we would know more about them in the near future.

Teaching & Learning:

Aaron notified everyone that the Outstanding Teaching Award process was complete.

Promotions & Outreach:

Steve updated us on the committees work on the Face Book issue. Several members of the council expressed support and concern about Face Book. Anita noted that the University has a Face Book account and has purchased a software program to tailor information and market SIU.

Ad hoc Green/Sustainability:

Matt updated the Council on progress made in the College on sustainability. He also informed the Council about a food plan that's in the works that will emphasize the use of more locally grown produce and organic foods.

Business

Ad hoc Technology:

Sara led a discussion on technology issues. She provided an incredible amount of information about technology in the college as well as issues faced by faculty and staff. She provided a written report which will be distributed to members of the Council. There was an extensive discussion and brainstorming session about how to best address the concerns put forth by the Technology committee.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20