

College of Liberal Arts Council
October 3, 2006 meeting minutes

Members present: Bardhan, Cáceres, Collins, Giblin, Gray, Hurlburt, , Kidd, Mackey, Maddox, Maisier, Ojewuyi, Reinke, Rodriguez, Schoof, Scribner, Shang, Sloboda, Smith, Smoot, Ward, Whittaker, Youpa

Members absent: Breznikar, Friedenber, Kemp, Lapham, Rickman, Schafer

1. Chair Holly Hurlburt called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

Minutes from the Sept. 5, 2006 meeting were approved

2. Committee Reports

Academic Policy – The committee unanimously approved the RME for a Latino and Latin American Studies Minor with three recommendations:

- I. Protection of ANTH 204 (Latino Cultures)
- II. Creation of new courses for the minor
- III. Future efforts towards recruiting and hiring faculty in this area

(Dean Alan Vaux explained the history behind this initiative. SIU has been strong in offering courses in Latin American Studies, however, the Latino component of the minor needs to be strengthened. CoLA will incur no extra cost in creating this minor)

Promotions – No report

Grievance – No report.

Teaching and Learning – No report

Selection and Elections – The committee is in the process of filling vacancies (three CoLA Council spots remain unfilled). No formal elections necessary. Chairs of underrepresented departments have been contacted and they need to nominate people.

3. Dean's Remarks, Alan Vaux

Dean Vaux noted that enrollment numbers at SIU have dropped but they did not drop for CoLA. This overall drop translates into a budget shortage of 2.5 million dollars.

Dean Vaux discussed Curriculum 21 (initiated by former Dean Shirley Scott) and reported that two students have graduated under this curriculum so far. He stressed that Curriculum 21 enhances an undergraduate student's time and should be further encouraged.

4. Associate Dean's Remarks, David DiLalla

Associate Dean DiLalla reported that he is currently processing sabbatical reports and the applications for the Excellence Through Commitment Undergraduate Teaching Enhancement Award.

CoLA anticipates 15 requests for hire this year. Due to the budget situation, input from the CoLA Budget Advisory Committee will be helpful.

The first Tenure and Promotion workshop will be held on Oct. 27. Two workshops are held every year.

(Holly Hurlburt mentioned that the workshop PowerPoint presentation is available on the CoLA web site)

(Some discussion ensued about WAC courses. Dean Vaux suggested that CoLA Council could be in charge of WAC since the initiative has no official leader. Holly Hurlburt noted that the Council may not be in a position to take charge of an initiative that was the responsibility of a fully paid position. Dean Vaux agreed this to be a valid point. Holly Hurlburt requested that the Teaching and Learning Committee put together a WAC information sheet)

5. Dean's Office Business, Anita Hutton

Anita Hutton reported on the recent CoLA Open House. She reminded everyone of the upcoming Homecoming events and requested CoLA faculty to attend.

6. Old Business

None

7. Announcements

Holly Hurlburt announced that through the efforts of Dean Vaux, SIUC and SIUE have joined the Newberry Library Consortium. This collection could be very valuable to CoLA members. She requested council members to spread the word.

Tom Kidd announced the opening of *The Crucible* at McLeod Theatre on Oct.4

Holly Hurlburt announced that an Honors Program representative (Jim Allen or Lori Merrill-Fink) will address CoLA Council during the November general meeting.

8. New Business

(Dean Vaux left the meeting at this point)

Holly Hurlburt reported on the progress of the CoLA dean search. Provost Dunn would like to attract a broad pool of applicants and would appreciate suggestions and input. Hurlburt passed out the job description/ad copy and requested feedback by 3:30 the next day (Oct.4). She explained the composition of the search committee. All applications should be in by Jan 1, 2007, and then candidates will be brought in for interviews as soon as possible.

9. Adjournment

Benjamin Rodriguez moved to adjourn
Veronique Maisier seconded

Meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Nilanjana Bardhan/Vice-Chair (2006-07)