

College of Liberal Arts Council
September 5, 2006 meeting minutes

Members present: Bardhan, Breznikar, Cáceres, Collins, Giblin, Gray, Hurlburt, Kemps, Kidd, Lapham, Mackey, Maddox, Maisier, Reinke, Rickman, Rodriguez, Scribner, Shang, Sloboda, Smoot, Ward, Whittaker, Youpa

Members absent: Friedenber, Ojewuyi, Schafer

1. Chair Holly Hurlburt called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

No minutes to approve from last year.

Explained the role of CoLA Council to new members.

2. Committee Reports

Academic Policy – No report. Latin American Studies Minor issue coming up on agenda.

Promotions – Need to focus more on internal communication and information sharing within CoLA. Request for ideas and suggestions. Currently, the website and newsletter are the two main tools that aid internal communication.

Grievance – No report.

Teaching and Learning – No report

Selection and Elections – Need to elect more members for this year's CoLA Council (currently short by 5 members). Elections coming up soon.

3. Dean's Remarks, Alan Vaux

Welcome back held for CoLA last Tuesday. Impressive accomplishments of faculty in terms of books published, exhibitions, performances, grants received, fellowships and awards.

CoLA graduate students received several scholarships, including 20 Walker Scholarships.

This year the National Review Council will review CoLA's doctoral programs and this review will hold for 10 years. It is important to get a high ranking in this review.

CoLA is \$200,000 short on faculty search requests for this year (roughly four positions).

Compared to other colleges, CoLA has impressive record of hiring of minority faculty.

CoLA Operating Papers – need to review. Section on how to hire an interim dean is not clear. A process that is rapid and accounts for CoLA Council's summer hiatus needs to be clarified.

Stephen Dollinger had done some work with Writing Across the Curriculum (WAC) courses. These courses are not offered on a regular basis and advisors feel that students are experiencing difficulty with graduating because of this problem. One of the Council committees needs to discuss this issue (Andrew Youpa, Chair of Teaching and Learning, offered to take this responsibility on behalf of his committee).

A proposal for a BFA in Musical Theatre is in the works.

4. Associate Dean's Remarks, David DiLalla

Will assist with coordinating the hiring process for this academic year.
Anticipates 21 search requests, there were 29 last year.

5. Dean's Office Business, Anita Hutton

Distributed information on student standing, CoLA open house dates and provided details about Homecoming.

Pyramid (PRSSA) will be putting together the CoLA newsletter.

Enrollment is down at SIUC but numbers are up in CoLA. Distributed CoLA department enrollment figures.

(Holly Hurlburt added that former Dean Shirley Scott requested that CoLA faculty be more visible at Homecoming. She also requested ideas for ways to improve interdepartmental communication within CoLA - possibility of an interdepartmental film screening project)

Announced that Sept. 21 is the deadline for the Lincoln Academy Laureate Award (for seniors). Nominations need to be made by department chairs.

(David DiLalla emphasized that the Excellence Through Commitment Undergraduate Teaching Enhancement Award needs more entries).

(Holly Hurlburt threw out the idea that this year the Council would like to invite more guest speakers who directly influence the workings of the Council).

6. Old Business

None

7. New Business

None

8. Adjournment

Benjamin Rodriguez moved to adjourn
Becki Scribner seconded

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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