

**College of Liberal Arts Council**  
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October 7, 2008, 6 pm, Illinois Room (Student Center)

Present: Roberto Barrios, Sara Beardsworth, Steve Belletine, Susan Benson, Getahun Benti, Anne Chandler, Kathy Chonez, Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, Meera Komarraju, Mahbub Morshed, Chris Mullins, Dan Silver, Matthew Therrell, Yu-wei Wang, Jonathan Wiesen, Rachel Whaley, Christinia Gould, Steven Lancaster, Kristie Lipford, David Rush, Dawn Stricklin, Aaron Allehoff, Daniel Allen Colcord, Alan Vaux, David DiLalla, Anita Hutton, Randy Burnside and Lourdes Albuixech, Orion Poulin, Melissa Brandt and Shenetra Franklin

Call to order: 6:03

The passage of the minutes at 6:04

**Office of the Dean:**

Dean Vaux: No report.

Associate Dean: Dave Deliliah: Undergrad teaching enhancement award is Friday. We have received none so far.

Residents hall living learning community have floors 11-12 in Schneider. Want more CoLA faculty involvement. Encourage faculty groups to do things in the dorms.

Assistant to the Dean Anita Hutton: Saturday is homecoming please come to the tent Saturday morning to meet alumni

The first open house is Monday be aware of students

Monday is the last day to drop classes announce to students

CoLA graduation will be May 10<sup>th</sup> at 1 and 4. Seniors will not be allowed to apply late. They will not take late applications.

Lincoln academy: A CoLA student has won that award Ashley Grimes and will represent the university in Springfield.

Unit Reports

*Foreign Languages* presentation by Foreign Languages Chair.

*Political Science* presentation by Randy Burnside

*Geography* presentation by Matthew Therrell

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Academic Policy:**

Anne Chandler Chair: they approved all of the completed proposals that were submitted to the committee.

Philosophy specialization was explained by a representative from the philosophy dept. Discussed the advanced philosophy courses needed for the pre-law specialization they are proposing. The Philosophy representative also cleared up initial misunderstanding about the LSAT content that will be used in the course.

Don Silver: Asks for clarification on the LSAT content.

The Philosophy representative answered that MRE was modified to say that the course will use materials from LSAT not be an actual LSAT prep course.

The courses can be expected to be launched in Fall 2009.

Anne Chandler: Two items for approval.

*The Center for the Study of Crime, Delinquency and Corrections* request to change its name to the Department Criminology and Criminal Justice.

Kimberly answers questions about the name change: It won't affect how things are done within the unit. It just better clarifies the way they function as a dept.

*Crime studies changing to offer a non-thesis option* for students in the masters program.

Several questions were asked about what the non-thesis option included

Chris Mullins responded to this discussion and explained in more detail what the requirements would be one which is the paper project. He explained what these papers will involve for students and how they will assist them in their careers

Anne Chandler chair of academic policy suggest that we should become more educated about the type of Master's degree programs within CoLA.

Alan points out that there are a number of non-thesis options programs around campus.

A Discussion followed about the merits of thesis versus non-thesis option. The consensus was that there is no penalty that we know of.

***Geography department changes:***

Change from environmental resources to environmental management for programs in Geography. This will better clarify what the program actually does.

A vote was called for on the proposal from academic policy: The proposals were unanimously approved.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Kimberly provides info about the modifications to the college operating papers. She proposes that we hold off on a vote on these changes until we make other substantive changes to the committee structure. Because any new changes would have to be approved by the Provost and voted on by the Faculty. Hence we need to follow up by making the other changes to committees like the Election and selection committee and the Grievance committee before having a vote by the full faculty to streamline the process.

Kimberly points to the language in the operating papers that says we cannot make changes to the committees without getting approval. We might want to look at the committees and draft some language about changing the committees.

Dan Silver asks about the Ad-hoc committees that have been added: Kimberly notes that they are Goodwill and Technology.

We will discuss these changes in more detail at the next meeting.

Randy discusses how the selection of department representatives for the Council.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Guest Presentation on Getting Greener: How can CoLA and units do a better job of conserving resources by John Dyer and Justin Harrell from Geography and the Physical Plant.

They note that much of the presentation and the things that we can do to make our university greener has been sent out to chairs and directors to distribute to faculty.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45