

College of Liberal Arts Council

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Sept. 2, 2008, 6 pm, OBF Recital Hall (north of Faner Hall)

Present: Roberto Barrios, Sara Beardsworth, Steve Belletine, Susan Benson, Getahun Benti, Anne Chandler, Kathy Chonez, Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, Meera Komaraju, 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, and Anita Hutton

(Randy Burnside was attending a funeral in California; Lourdes Albuixech's car was struck on her way to the meeting)

Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, chair for the academic year, called the meeting to order and welcomed the Council. She spoke briefly about expectations for the year, noting the aim to address four areas: general CoLA issues, student-specific issues, faculty-specific issues, and CoLA Council issues.

Minutes from the May meeting were distributed and approved by acclamation.

The committees for AY'09 were announced. Kimberly announced that Grievance would serve as an ad hoc committee of Goodwill, functioning to promote some fun and opportunities to boost morale. Elections and Selections committee will have ad hoc responsibilities of identifying issues of technology that should be addressed in the college.

Dean Alan Vaux and Associate Dean David DiLalla described the general areas on which they would be reporting during the coming year. Assistant to the Dean Anita Hutton reported on open houses that would be held on campus: Monday, October 13 and Saturday, November 8. She also described special recruiting events, The "College to Career Showcases," at which many CoLA units are participating: Wednesday, September 10 (Paralegal, AJ, PSYC) at Kaskaskia College; Wednesday, October 15 (PARL, AJ, PHIL) at Shawnee Monday, November 3 (POLS, AJ, PSYC) at SWIC-Red Bud. Also of note is Saturday, October 25th is the "Greater St. Louis Area Marching Band Festival" at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis. Lastly, Anita invited anyone on CoLA Council with interest to present a program for our LLC (Living Learning Community) in Schneider.

In Old Business, Kimberly advised all social science representatives to locate an undergraduate student to round out the roster for the Council. She also mentioned that the proposed revisions to the Operating Papers, passed by the Council last year have been approved by the Dean and for the first read by the Provost. They are ready to be distributed for a vote by the faculty. At the next meeting, we will decide whether we want first to further revise the committee structure. In particular, the Council may choose to change or discontinue two committees-- Grievance; Selections and Elections—for lack of activities.

In New Business, Kimberly distributed a list of potential topics for the Council's agenda this year. She opened discussion for additional ideas and asked all representatives to mark 6-7 preferences. These "surveys" will be compiled and the results will serve as the foundation for topics for the year. She also announced plans for unit reports, three per meeting, so that members will learn about strengths and challenges across the college this year. The list is attached.

Announcements include the 25th year celebration of Paralegal Studies, which Dan Silver invited everyone to attend.

The Council adjourned to brief committee meetings during which chairpersons were selected.

Next Meeting: October 7, 6 pm, Illinois Room of the Student Center. In the interest of conservation minutes and agendas will not be printed for the meetings; representatives should bring with them any email materials they deem important.

October 3, 9 am, Executive Committee meeting, Dean's Conference Room

Unit Reports

Tuesday, October 7th

Foreign Languages (Lourdes Albuixech, Kathy Chonez)

Political Science (Randy Burnside)

Geography (Matthew Therrell)

Tuesday, November 4th

Economics (Mahbub Morshed)

Black American Studies (Leonard Gadzekpo)

Art and Design (Steve Belletine)

Tuesday, December 2nd

Sociology (Rachel Whaley, Kristie Lipford)

English (Anne Chandler, Daniel Allen Colcord)

Theatre (Susan Benson, David Rush, Shelley Stubbs, Yen Vi Ho)

Tuesday, February 3rd

Linguistics (Karen Baertsch, Aaron Allehoff)

History (Getahun Benti)

Anthropology (Roberto Barrios, Dawn Stricklin)

Tuesday, March 3rd

Psychology (Meera Komaraju, Yu-wei Wang, Steven Lancaster)

Philosophy (Sara Beardsworth, Christina Gould)

Paralegal Studies (Dan Silver)

Tuesday, April 7th

CESL (Julie Bird)

CSCDC (Chris Mullins, Kimberly Kempf-Leonard)