

**College of Liberal Arts Council**  
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Meeting Minutes for 6 October 2009  
6 p.m., Illinois Room, Student Center

Attending: Allan Vaux, David DiLalla, Lourdes Albuixech, Roberto Barrios, Jonathan Bean, Steve Belletire, Susan Benson, Douglas Berger, Anne Chandler, Krassimira Charkova, Michael Drobysh, Danielle Esker, Christina Gould, Meera Komarraju, Kara Lawrence, Kristie Lipford, aMahbub Morshed, Ken Mulligan, Christopher Mullins, Orion Poulin, Dan Silver, Gretchen Smith, Matthew Therrell, John Warren.

Meeting called to order by Chair Anne Chandler at 6:01 pm.

Approval of minutes from September meeting.

Reports from the Office of the Dean

Dean Alan Vaux  
Reminder of campus events

Associate Dean David DiLalla—no report

Assistant to the Dean Anita Hutton—no report

Old Business

Undergraduate representatives are still needed. We have an open social science and humanities seat.

New Business

Chair Chandler reported on results of informal survey as topics of particular concern to members and how this shapes future meeting presentation topics. She asked for suggestions on issues to be addressed or other speakers to invite to CoLA Council meetings.

Committee report: Communications & Collegiality

Steve Belletire reported the committee has identified their Facebook mission authorized last Spring and identified areas which need addressed pre-launch. Will provide a document regarding soliciting content for posting on the page. One initial task will be focused on student recruitment and retention.

Guest Speakers: Saluki First Year

Mark Amos and Julie Payne-Kirchmeier, Directors, Saluki First Year, made a presentation providing an overview of the program. Last year involved a self-study, this year will see the simultaneous planning and implementation of a program. This year will see the implementation of a coordinating organization structure. They discussed key

activities and actions to take place this year and next year. Its Academic Support Services activities will expand and coordinate Supplemental Instruction, Tutoring programs, Placement Testing, generation of Freshmen Interest Groups as well as a Speaker/Lecture series. The Student Support Services will focus on continued coordination with and expansion on Saluki Cares, Peer Mentoring Programs, First Year Programming, Living Learning Communities, and the Student Success Book and Poster Series. To address issues of teaching and learning resources, attention will be given to providing resources for graduate students and teaching assistants, developing First Year teaching awards, and for the development of the First Year Course. They emphasized that assessment will be central to the process. It will begin this year and be ongoing. Contact information is as follows: 618.453.1838, email: [firstyr@siu.edu](mailto:firstyr@siu.edu), Faner Hall 3341. Many materials are posted at : [www.firstyear.siu.edu](http://www.firstyear.siu.edu)

#### Unit Reports

Roberto Barrios, Anthropology, discussed measures taken to increase their undergraduate enrollment.

Anne Chandler, English, discussed recent steps focused on both recruitment and retention in their undergraduate and graduate program.

Meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm