

Liberal Arts Council
September 4, 2012

Present: M. Aakhus, T. Bordelon, M. Dixon, J. deJong, J. Galbus (for S. Spencer), E. Wasserman, J. Evey, S. Rode, R. Gennaro, J. Hardgrave, MT Hallock Morris, W. Rinks, I. Phillips, C. York, P. Moore, and B. Christie.

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

M. Aakhus distributed a draft of the proposed summer 2013 calendar for chairs to share with their faculty for review. He asked that they forward any comments or suggestions on the proposed draft to Mark Bernard, copying M. Aakhus on any message.

I. Distance Learning Compensation for Graduate Programs (T. Bordelon)

T. Bordelon presented the revised draft of the Distance Learning Compensation for Graduate Programs proposal that he had distributed last week. The proposal was approved unanimously.

II. Readmission Policy for Students Academically Dismissed (MT Hallock Morris)

MT Hallock Morris requested information from other chairs regarding their policies for academically dismissed students. Some students have attempted to switch majors after dismissal. E. Wasserman asked if the college's advising center might be enlisted to assist those students, whose GPA has fallen below a major program's minimum. Students must meet the terms of any contract they sign to be readmitted. W. Rinks volunteered to distribute the contract form that Communications currently uses. This form will be discussed at the next LAC meeting to determine if a form should be developed for use within the college.

III. Open Items from Chairs

J. Hardgrave reported that the History Department voted last week to withdraw its exploration of an M.A. in History.

W. Rinks inquired as to whether or not departments are expected to meet on fall Assessment Day (11 September). M. Aakhus informed chairs that departments are expected to meet on Assessment Day.

R. Priest announced that she will host a question and answer session with K. Draughon on September 17 (12:00-12:50) in the LA Conference room concerning recent changes in IRB policy. Interested faculty should contact R. Priest so that she will be able to determine how many will be in attendance. Pizza will be served. She also announced that the SAC department will host its annual field day soon; invitations will be distributed when the date is set.

M. Aakhus reported that he hosted at his home on 3 September a reception for new faculty and their mentors. He also announced that the college will explore ways to enhance and improve its mentoring program. The college has, for example, purchased tickets to the Evansville Philharmonic Orchestra and will make these available on a first-come-first-serve basis to new faculty. He requested additional ideas and strategies by which to welcome our new faculty to the college and to ameliorate their transition process.

T. Bordelon requested the name of a faculty member from each department to serve on the ad hoc Honors Day committee. Updates will be provided concerning any changes that will be implemented this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.