

Liberal Arts Council
March 5, 2013

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

Absent: I. Phillips

Guest: T. Hunt

The meeting began at 9:02 a.m.

I. Liberal Arts Advising Center

M. Aakhus announced that the Liberal Arts Advising Center will be located in what are now classrooms LA 2001 and 2032. T. Hunt added that this space will suit the college's needs. It will include a conference room that can be used for training workshops, a computer workstation for students to register for their classes, as well as offices for the director, and faculty advisors. All freshmen will be advised within the center.

II. Budget Presentations

M. Aakhus reported that the college's budget presentation was delivered yesterday along with three other academic colleges and Outreach and Engagement. He noted that he was unable to deliver the full presentation due to time constraints. Nevertheless, the President and Provost have received the college's full list of requests. As we look ahead, he wants to see the college be more strategic in how we plan for the future and the dean's office needs to be more reflective in thinking about the long-term needs of the college. We shall attempt to establish a timetable for the implementation of collaborative and other projects. Chairs raised additional questions concerning the college's starting salaries for new faculty as well as salary compression issues.

III. Academic Dishonesty Report Forms

M. Dixon announced that a new Academic Dishonesty Report form will be available soon. Faculty filing a report are required now to submit a course syllabus with the form. Also, the wording has been changed slightly within the section where the student acknowledges that s/he has been informed of the charges and understands his or her opportunity to appeal.

IV. Open Items from Chairs

W. Rinks reported that the Social Media Symposium and High School Media Day the Department of Communications hosted last week were very successful.

S. Rode also reported that the High School Academic Language Bowl attracted more than two hundred students on March 4, 2013.

M. Aakhus thanked E. Wasserman and all who contributed to the production of *Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992*.

IV. Announcements

T. Bordelon announced that the Honors Day Committee met yesterday and preparations for the college's Honors Day (March 20, 4:00 p.m.) are nearly complete. The ceremony has been reorganized for this year and he believes that faculty will enjoy it.

He also announced that the college will host a tenure and promotion session for junior faculty in April. He requested that chairs send to him a list of their faculty who are on the tenure track.

MT Hallock Morris announced that the Department of Political Science and Public Administration will host the annual meeting of the Indiana Political Science Association on March 22, 2013. Additionally, she announced that April 5, 2013 is Law Day and the Department of Political Science and Public Administration will sponsor the Alumni in Residence lecture on April 17, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.