

**Liberal Arts Council**  
**March 26, 2013**

Present: M. Aakhus, T. Bordelon, M. Dixon, J. deJong, E. Wasserman, R. Priest, J. Hardgrave, J. Evey, S. Rode, R. Gennaro, MT Hallock Morris, W. Rinks, I. Phillips, C. York, and P. Moore.

Absent: S. Spencer and B. Christie.

The meeting began at 9:07 a.m.

**I. Honors Day Discussion**

M. Aakhus asked chairs to share their observations about the new format employed at the Honors Day Ceremony. Several chairs expressed displeasure with the lack of a printed program. M. Aakhus said that we shall have one next year. E. Wasserman noted that the modifications greatly improved the ceremony, but he suggested that changes are still needed to the wording of how awards are announced. He also proposed that the way donors come forward to present awards. T. Bordelon reported that the Honors Day Committee had met following the ceremony and has recommended the use of live music next year and the presentation of donor awards with departmental awards. The committee will continue to review ways by which the lag time can be avoided as students lined up to receive their awards. J. Evey lauded the kaleidoscope statement and asked if it could be printed on the certificates or printed for the recipients in some form. M. Aakhus thanked everyone who had played a role in coordinating the Honors Day ceremony.

**II. Assessment Day Retreat/College of Liberal Arts Strategic Plan**

T. Bordelon reminded chairs that he distributed the draft College of Liberal Arts Strategic Plan on March 25. He noted that it includes a simple, yet straightforward assessment plan and that as we collect data we expect the strategic plan to change and develop. We shall discuss the draft strategic plan at our Assessment Day retreat, April 16, 8:30-10:30 a.m., UC East 2205. He would like chairs to share the strategic plan with their faculty after the retreat and it will be posted online. OPRA will distribute survey for faculty to comment upon the strategic plan. T. Bordelon will compile the feedback from faculty and present it to chairs at our August retreat.

**III. Liberal Arts Scholar in Residence Proposal**

M. Aakhus reminded chairs that if anyone has any ideas they would like to propose for a scholar in residence in the 2013-2014 academic year to submit their proposals to M. Dixon. Proposals may be for short or long-term projects, and each should include a budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.