

**Liberal Arts Council**  
**April 23, 2013**

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

Guests: R. Toeniskoeter and P. Kinner

Absent: T. Bordelon, C. York, and B. Christie

The meeting started at 9:02 a.m.

**I. Managed Desktops** (R. Toeniskoeter)

R. Toeniskoeter reported on changes that will be implemented soon that will affect PC desktops, but not Macs. Laptops will be affected later. The purpose of the changes is to provide an environment in which data and PCs are as safe as possible. The “Managed Desktop” model will allow users to store data in their “My Documents” folders and this data will be accessible on any campus PC desktop after logging into it via an h: drive. There will no longer be a need for memory sticks, etc. This is secure and it is the safest place for one’s data. The data stored on the h: drive will be backed up regularly.

Several chairs asked questions about the use of Dropbox, and R. Toeniskoeter discouraged the use of it. He added, however, that faculty will have access to the h: drive on one’s home computer, provided that one has a vpn. He also noted that telephones in Liberal Arts buildings will be updated within the next six months.

**II. Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the 19 March, 26 March and 9 April meetings were approved unanimously.

**III. New Course Petitions**

E. Wasserman introduced the new course petitions for THTR 346 and THTR 447. Both were approved unanimously.

**IV. Populating the New Core**

S. Spencer provided a brief update on the work of the Core Curriculum Implementation task force. He suggested that chairs continue to check the web page to see if the forms become available.

**V. LARA Update**

M. Dixon provided an update on the work of the newly created LARA committee. He noted that it has been a positive experience and that the committee has had the opportunity to deliberate on all submissions and to supply applicants with feedback on their submissions. Additional discussion focused upon a desire to expand the number of LARAs that the college can offer in the future. M. Aakhus agreed that this was a priority and he will continue to explore ways by which to achieve this.

## **VI. Open Items from Chairs**

S. Spencer requested an update on the budget. M. Aakhus stated that we shall know more by 28 April and that we may have a better idea of what new positions we shall receive by mid May.

S. Spencer also reported that Adam Johnson, who spoke at USI in fall 2012 and who has published his fiction in Southern Indiana Review, has won the Pulitzer Prize.

I. Phillips announced that the Social Work Capstone Fair will be held on 25 April in Carter Hall.

MT Hallock Morris asked if a date had been set for the August LAC retreat. C. York will have a date by next week.

## **VII. Announcements**

M. Aakhus announced that the Council of Colleges of Arts and Sciences (CCAS) will hold its Chairs Conference in Indianapolis in July 2013. He informed chairs that the College will pay for chairs who wish to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:15 a.m.