

Liberal Arts Council Meeting April 12, 2011

Present: M. Aakhus, R. Priest, J. deJong, M. Dixon, E. Wasserman, S. Rode, J. Evey, R. Gennaro, MT Hallock Morris, C. York, and Bobbie Christie.

Guests: B. West (for W. Rinks) and P. Shaw (for S. Spencer).

I. Minutes

Meeting minutes from March 1st, 22nd and 29th were reviewed and discussed. All were approved with some minor changes.

Announcements

The order of the agenda was changed to inform the council that Liberal Arts will be accepting nominations (electronically) for an assistant or associate dean for the college beginning immediately. Letters will then be sent to nominees. Self-nominations are also acceptable. M. Aakhus will be the only one to view the nominations.

M. Aakhus also expressed his appreciation to the members of the executive council, J. Evey, T. Hunt and MT Hallock Morris, for their assistance during the transition of leadership in LA.

There is the possibility of having a rotating member on the executive council from the faculty on a volunteer basis. The benefit of this position would be the executive experience through leadership development and possible release time. M. Aakhus is working with the provost on teaching requirements for the assistant dean position. The announcement should go out Monday.

There will be an opportunity for two faculty members to attend the annual CCAS conference this summer. The leadership conference is in St. Louis.

The dean asked for all departments to submit their nominees for the Liberal Arts Outstanding Student Award by next Tuesday. These should be sent to him electronically. The selected recipient will be announced next week.

II. Federal Work Study

Payroll has indicated that funding for Federal Work Study is becoming increasingly competitive. Financial Aid provides the list of student workers who are eligible for FWS, Kathy Oeth will collect how many LA needs and how many LA has. Students MUST go to Financial Aid and complete the form to be eligible. The deadline to submit the completed form is June 30, 2011. M. Aakhus asked council members to urge students eligible for WS to go to Financial Aid and apply early before funding runs out. He also asked for an inventory of release time with descriptions from each department.

III. Honors Day

The council had a general discussion about Honors Day 2011. Suggestions for next year included having B. Christie stand behind the awards table, the department chair only to hand out awards and shake students' hands and some changes in wording for the script. Other suggestions were for individual student names and perhaps photos showing on the Power Point presentation when receiving awards. Changes in day and

time, specifically going back to a weekday in late afternoon were discussed (attendance has been down since the event was moved to the weekend), and having a different reader each year.

IV. Reorganization of Colleges

Many questions remain regarding the dissolution of the College of Education. A council will be established to assist with the transition. A general discussion followed.

V. Announcements

There will be no LAC meeting on April 19, 2011 due to the Assessment Day morning workshop.