**Liberal Arts Council
March 31, 2015**

Present: M. Aakhus, M. Dixon, J. deJong, S. Rode, I. Phillips, T. Schroer, J. Hardgrave, S. Spencer, W. Rinks, MT Hallock Morris, H. Braysmith, R. Gennaro, J. Evey, C. Rivera, E. Wasserman, K. Oeth, P. Moore, R. Rowland, and R. Lutton.

The meeting started at 9:01 a.m.

**I. Curriculum Petitions**

WLC 460: Internship in Language.

WLC 490: Special Topics in Languages and Cultures.

S. Rode introduced both undergraduate new course petitions; both were approved unanimously.

**II. Orientation**

R. Rowland reported on the New Student Orientation sessions held on March 25 and March 27. Thirty-Seven new students attended these sessions. She reported further that there was some layover time after the students completed registration and she is considering now having all students advised as a group. As of today twenty-four and twenty-eight students have registered for the new student orientation session scheduled for April 23 and 24, 2015.

**III. Promotion Committee Discussion**

R. Gennaro initiated a discussion about the merits of establishing college promotions committees as opposed to the maintaining the University Promotions Committee. Several chairs expressed concerns about the current system, especially the lack of uniformity across campus in faculty teaching loads and development opportunities available to faculty. Other chairs supported retaining the current system with a University Promotions Committee. There was little support for adding a college promotions committee and retaining the current University Promotions Committee, as this would add another step to the process and it would increase the workload for tenured faculty, especially those holding the rank of professor.

**IV. Open Items from Chairs**

S. Rode informed chairs that the MA in Second Language Acquisition received approval from the Academic Planning Council yesterday.

J. Evey reminded chairs that nominees are still needed to fill Faculty Senate committees.

J. deJong reported that during A. Fortune’s absence R. Rowland will take care of graduation applications and DegreeWorks exceptions for majors, and T. Sinn will take care of DARS exceptions.

**V. Announcements**

MT Hallock Morris announced that Law Day is tomorrow, April 1. She announced also that Pete Seat will deliver the the presentation, “How to Stop the War on Millennials and Build Champions for the Future” in Kleymeyer Hall on April 7 at 4:30 p.m.

I. Phillips announced that a Social Work student is organizing a protest against the RFRA in the Free Speech Zone on April 6 at 12:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.