**Liberal Arts Council
April 28, 2015**

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

Absent: R. Lutton.

The meeting started at 9:03 a.m.

**I. Dean’s Announcements**

M. Aakhus thanked MT. Hallock Morris and J. Evey for their years of service to the College of Liberal Arts, the Political Science and Public Administration Department, and the Psychology Department respectively. He announced that P. Raymond will serve as acting chair of the Psychology and Philosophy departments in fall 2015. He also thanked P. Moore, who will retire in July 2015, for her years of service to the College of Liberal Arts.

M. Aakhus also reminded chairs that their completed FARs are due to him by Friday, May 1. He requested that chairs submit the summer schedules to the Dean’s Office by Friday, May 8. Lastly, he announced that the Liberal Arts Council retreat will take place on Friday, August 14 at a location to be determined.

**II. CLA Advisory Board Updates**

J. deJong reported that the establishment of the College of Liberal Arts Advisory Board is in progress. Letters have been sent to potential members of the board and we have received several affirmative responses from those invited. The first CLA Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7. M. Aakhus believes this will be a helpful and beneficial experience for the College of Liberal Arts.

**III. CLA Assessment Reports**

J. deJong informed chairs that departmental assessment reports are available on the m-drive. A. Statham will use these reports in summer 2015 to compile a College of Liberal Arts Assessment Report. M. Dixon noted also that each chair will be contacted with feedback on the to the report submitted.

**IV. Spring/Summer 2016 Scheduling**

K. Oeth requested that chairs submit their spring/summer 2016 schedules to her by Friday, May 22. She also asked that chairs attempt to schedule at least one course on MWF at 8:00 a.m. in order to help with room scheduling. M. Aakhus was asked to reiterate this request at the fall Liberal Arts faculty meeting.

**V. CLA Lecture Series, 2015-2016**

The 2015-2016 schedule for the CLA Lecture Series is as follows:

Berger Lecture: World Languages and Cultures (fall)

Community of Scholars: English (fall)

Alumni in Residence: Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Studies (spring)

Distinguished Liberal Arts Scholar: Psychology (spring)

**VI. Open Items from Chairs**

S. Rode informed chairs that Raúl Hernández Garrido, a Spanish playwright, will be a visiting professor in fall 2015. His play, *Todos los que quedan*, which D. Hitchcock has translated into English, will be performed in the Mallette Studio Theatre on October 29-30, 2015.

**VII. Announcements**

E. Wasserman announced that *Spring Awakening* was a success and that it has set attendance records.

H. Braysmith informed chairs that K. Waters has been named the recipient of the 2015 Distinguished Professor Award.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.