**Liberal Arts Council
October 6, 2015**

Present: M. Aakhus, M. Dixon, J. deJong, S. Rode, I. Phillips, T. Schroer, S. Spencer, W. Rinks, O. Armeanu, H. Braysmith, J. Hardgrave, P. Raymond, D. Hitchcock, E. Wasserman, K. Oeth, and D. Pellant

Absent: R. Lutton and R. Rowland

The meeting started at 9:02 a.m.

**I. Curriculum Petitions**

New Course Petition: ARTH223. H. Braysmith introduced the petition for the new course, Introduction to Non-Western Art. The petition was approved unanimously.

Course Modification Petitions: ENG 319, 412, and 414. S. Spencer introduced these petitions, each of which was approved unanimously.

ENG Teaching Program Modification. S. Spencer introduced the petition, which adds ENG 344 to the curriculum. The New Course Petition for ENG 344 was also introduced at this time. Both the program modification and the new course petition were approved unanimously.

New Course Petition: POLS429. O. Armeanu introduced the petition for the course, which is being offered currently as an experimental course. The petition was approved unanimously.

Social Work Program Modification. I. Phillips introduced the petition. It was approved unanimously.

**II. Faculty Senate Promotion and Tenure Recommendations**

M. Dixon initiated a discussion of the information regarding the Promotion and Tenure recommendations under consideration by the Faculty Senate, and the information conveyed to Liberal Arts faculty by C. Conaway, one of the college’s representatives on the Faculty Senate. The recommendations generated considerable discussion. W. Rinks moved that chairs discuss the recommendations further with their departments and that the recommendations be discussed again at a future meeting of Liberal Arts chairs. If a consensus can be reached, a statement can be forwarded to C. Conaway and the other Liberal Arts representatives to the Faculty Senate.

**III. Fall 2015 Continuation and Graduation Rates**

M. Dixon discussed briefly the fall 2015 continuation and graduation rates data. Discussion concerning the impact of the College of Liberal Arts’ Advising Center and its UNIV101 course have had on retention followed. Questions were asked also about the effectiveness of the early alert initiative, and efforts to raise the student profile.

**IV. College of Liberal Arts Advisory Board**

M. Dixon informed chairs that the next meeting of the College of Liberal Arts Advisory Board will take place on Thursday, October 15. He requested that chairs submit to the Dean’s office any items they would like to see on the meeting agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:34 a.m.