

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
COUNCIL MEETING
October 20, 2009
2:00 p.m. in Solms 106**

Present: Laura Barrett, Mark Finlay, Tom Cato, Yassi Saadatmand, Zaphon Wilson, David Wheeler, June Hopkins, John Kraft, Kalenda Eaton, Joe Weaver, Jonathan Roberts, and guest Stephanie Whaley.

AGENDA:

1. Stephanie Whaley: Open House

Open House is a big event for perspective students. The next open houses are on January 30th and March 27th. During the academic year, this event is always on a Saturday because potential students that come are in school during the week, and it might be difficult for their parents to get off work during the week. The weekend also gives them an opportunity to see Savannah. June Hopkins stated that she hates to ask faculty to give up a Saturday when they're having to take furlough days now.

Armstrong has a regular recruiter who lives in Atlanta. Fifty students from Gwinnett County are here this year, and we are still working with Georgia Perimeter. Campus preview days are a good tool for recruitment. Armstrong used to invite graduate schools, but their focus is now on undergraduates. Navigate sessions during the summer are moving to Fridays. The only one on Saturday is in April.

The possibility was raised in Academic Affairs that colleges not hold separate information sessions at the same time, thereby forcing students to choose a college before they have begun their undergraduate education.

Let Stephanie know if you have any more suggestions.

2. Interdisciplinary Studies (IDS) courses/Honors Program courses

Individual IDS programs are having some difficulty finding faculty members to teach essential courses. Faculty don't mind teaching these courses, but usually have to fulfill needs in their own department first. The department's two year rotation of courses will help, as would a Director of Interdisciplinary Programs. We might consider hiring faculty as "joint" appointments.

Directors and coordinators of IDS programs should supply the dean with a two-year rotation of courses necessary for the major or minor. They should also provide the dean with enrollment information: How many students are in the major/minor? How many graduate in a given year? Therefore, we need to insure that students identify themselves.

IDS program directors and coordinators are invited to host a table at the Open House or Navigate session.

3. Liberty Center

- Running 65 courses per term, and the bulk are taught by CoLA faculty
- Part-time instructors teach 88% of classes
- Bachelor of Liberal Studies, Criminal Justice and ECE are offered at Liberty Center
- Full-time faculty don't seem to have a lot of interest in teaching at L.C.
- The loss of funding for travel to L.C. is a problem in recruiting faculty

4. Graduate Assistantships

For the future, departments/programs will apply for graduate assistants, and a committee will decide which applications are appropriate.

5. New payment policy for students (Russ Watjen's email)

- Students will be blocked from registering in November if they have an outstanding balance
- Students will not be permitted to use aid awarded for the next term to pay for previous term balances
- On Dec. 16, 2009 students who have registered, have a balance, and **who have an aid offer** will **not** have their classes dropped. Those who have a balance but do not have an aid offer **will** be dropped at this time.
- Aid disbursement will take place following verification of student class attendance. Those who have not paid in full at this time **will** be dropped from classes.*

* Exact date to be determined.

This is a much more rigorous policy than in the past and will be extra work for advisors.

6. New Core Curriculum: Mark Finlay

All institutions are required to develop and assess learning outcomes for each area of the core. The three new learning goals added to the core are: U.S. Perspectives, Global Perspectives, and Critical Thinking. Every institution in USG will have a core curriculum of 42 semester hours and an Area F of 18 hours. No studio, performance, or internship courses are allowed in areas A-E. Approved 3000-4000 level courses are now allowed in A-E.

Someone needs to be watching Area F in Interdisciplinary Studies and looking at the core curriculum changes to see how they will affect AASU. Exception 5 says certain programs at USG may appeal to replace up to 9 hours of core requirements with requirements specific for their majors. Applications for Exception E will be considered only if requiring particular courses in A-E will allow the degree program to reduce the number of hours required for the degree. Finlay will keep his eye on it. Changes must take place Fall 2011 or earlier.

7. Tenure and Promotion meeting

Dr. Barrett encouraged everyone to come to the college-wide Tenure and Promotion meeting on October 27 in Hawes 209.

*If you have anything that you would like June Hopkins to take to the next Faculty Senate meeting, let her know. It's on November 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Sellers