In celebration of teaching, three CLA faculty members were honored. Professor Nancy Gabin (HIST) was presented with the College Educational Excellence Teaching Award at the University Honors Convocation in April 2008. Professor Rachel Einwohner (SOC) and Professor David Ertner (SLHS) were recognized today with the Departmental Educational Excellence Teaching Award.


The minutes were approved as distributed.

2. REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES:

A. Professor Ralph Webb, (COM), vice chair of the Senate, reported on the activities of the College:
   - CLA has once again the largest undergraduate enrollment with 6,654 students. The College is the second largest in terms of graduate student enrollment.
   - The College has a new department of Anthropology, with Dr. Ellen Gruenbaum as the head. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on October 8.
   - The department of Philosophy also has a new head, Dr. Matthias Steup.
   - Dr. Emily Allen is the new director of the CLA Honors Program.
   - The College has hired 28 new faculty, who are featured on the CLA Web site.
   - The Center for Instructional Excellence asked CLA to participate in a new pilot workshop on teaching undergraduate students, which was held on August 18. The pilot was very successful and will be expanded to other colleges on campus.
   - Experience Liberal Arts month was held in October.
   - The College is recruiting three department heads in Sociology, Psychological Sciences, and Visual & Performing Arts, as well as new faculty.
   - Preliminary talks are underway on a possible BA degree in Economics from CLA, to compliment the School of Management’s BS degree in Economics.
   - The President and Provost are interested in a common core curriculum across the University.
   - A committee has been formed to create the new CLA Strategic Plan, with the expectation that a draft will be presented to the CLA Senate next spring.
   - The first CLA Mini-Saga contest, held during Experience Liberal Arts month, garnered 197 entries. The Emerging Voice Awards were given during Homecoming weekend.
   - The Senate heard a brief report on the activities of the Sexual Harrassment Advisors’ Network (SHAN).
   - Dr. Webb, as vice-chair of the Senate, is also a member of the Dean’s Advisory Council. He said the Council is most eager to help and work, and that their meetings were characterized by spirited discussions and information-sharing. The Council appreciates and respects the dean and the faculty.

B. Professor Eiji Sekine (FLL), chair of the Agenda Committee, said the committee had no requests.

C. Dr. Contreni reported that the Curriculum Committee approved two new minors in Asian American Studies and Latin/Latino American Studies. Changes, deletions and revisions (many due to no longer listing prerequisites) were discussed, and all those have been approved.

D. Professor Nancy Gabin (HIST), chair of the Educational Policy Committee, stated the purpose of the committee and reported that the committee approved seven courses for retention in the CLA Core in the Global Perspective category and three courses for retention in the Written and Oral Communication section. It approved the addition of seven other courses to the CLA Core in
various categories and a request for modification of the minor requirements in Chinese. The EPC also discussed two policy issues: a concern with overlapping courses in the Core and the College’s various and conflicting uses of the term “concentration.”

E. There was no report from the Faculty Affairs Committee.

F. Professor Anne Fliotsos (VPA), chair of the Nominating & Elections Committee, reported that in April all vacancies were filled on the committees of the Senate – 3 on the Agenda Committee, 3 on the Curriculum Committee, 2 on the Educational Policy Committee, 2 plus an alternate for the Grade Appeals Committee, and 3 on the Nominating & Elections Committee. One additional replacement was made in September on the Faculty Affairs Committee. Dr. Fliotsos urged faculty to volunteer for service on a committee when asked in March/April 2009.

3. OLD BUSINESS:

There was no old business.

4. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Dr. David Santogrossi gave a history of the Bachelor of Physical Education program. He then presented a list of 383 students who are candidates for the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science degree in December 2008. He recommended approval and the Senate certified the lists.

5. REPORT OF THE DEAN:

A. Dr. Contreni reported on many highlights of the College since the last faculty meeting, including:
   - The new department of Anthropology, its ribbon-cutting ceremony and displays.
   - A new Latino/Latin American Studies Program.
   - A new Asian American Studies Program.
   - A new CLA Web site, which includes a new page for College and departmental promotion guidelines and processes. It will include statistics on promotion and the CLS Area Committee roster.
   - CLA Strategic Planning Committee work. A draft will be available on the Web for faculty review and comment.
   - Experience Liberal Arts month.
   - Professor Robert Lamb (ENGL) has been named the next Indiana Teacher of the Year.
   - Liberal Arts is again the largest College in the University.
   - Searches are being conducted for department heads in Sociology, Psychological Sciences and Visual & Performing Arts.
   - The dean is presently working on a presentation for the Board of Trustees (December 19) and a mid-year management report for the Provost (December 16).
   - A question/answer period followed. New faculty for 2009-10 will number approximately 23. The University’s conservative investment practices will serve it well during these economic times.

6. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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