

LAC Faculty Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2008

Faculty Present: Roxie Black, Paul Caron, Lisa Clark, Tara Coste, Christy Hammer, David Harris, Jan Hitchcock, Ike Levine, Jayne Marsh, Leigh Mundhenk, Carol Nemeroff, Larry Nowinski, Betty Robinson, Barry Rodrigue, Bob Schaible, Mark Silber, Dan Stasko, Liz Turesky, Michelle Vazquez-Jacobus, Blake Whitaker, Bumper White, Nancy Whitehouse, Kris Winston

Guests: Dean Marvin Druker, Karen Hall, Paul Manoff, Margaret Park, Jan Phillips, Dan Philbrick, Pauline Pierre, and others

1:02 p.m.

I. Minutes of 12/12/07 approved via voce

II. Announcements

A. Blake Whitaker – Acting Provost Mark Lapping is applying to come to LAC as a faculty member. He brings with him his distinguished faculty award which will cover his salary and expenses. He will be teaching classes at LAC and also for the geography department and others. His CV has been placed on the K drive and in the library for review, and Provost Lapping will be at the February LAC-FAC meeting for a presentation and for faculty vote of acceptance.

B. Acting Dean Druker

a) reminded everyone of the visits by the candidates for president at USM and encouraged people to attend and fill out evaluation forms. Tara Coste and Rick Vail are on the search committee, and questions can be directed to them.

b) There have been concerns about the content and amount of email on the LAC-TEACH and LAC_FAC listservs. After consultation with others, Dean Druker suggests the development of an alternative listserv called LACengage which would be used for political issues, advocacy messages, notices, etc. He is leaving it to the faculty to determine this possibility.

Chair Whitaker asked for an ad-hoc committee to accomplish this.

Volunteers included Bob Schaible, Bumper White, Lisa Clark, Barry Rodrigue, David Harris (who later withdrew) and Christy Hammer. The secretary was charged with setting up the first meeting.

This was followed by a limited discussion on the issue of freedom of speech.

C. Leigh Mundhenk.

Commented that only some of the core courses are designated in the catalogue as core. She suggests that all core courses be kept separate from the program areas in both the course catalogue and the in-house course information.

There was general agreement. Reminder that the Course catalogue information is due in February.

Meditation moment led by Jayne Marsh

1:30 Presentation on the new Maine Street Student system

2:40 p.m. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Roxie M. Black
Faculty Vice-Chair