

Minutes
Liberal Arts Council
October 17, 2018
2:00 PM—Flowers Hall 230

Presiding: Dean Mary Brennan

Present: Council members: Audwin Anderson, Manda Anderson, Susan Day (recording), Beth Erhart, Ken Grasso, Craig Hanks, Lucy Harney, Bill Kelemen, Dan Lochman, Yongmei Lu, Aimee Roundtree, Chad Smith

Absent: Paul Hart (unable to attend because of teaching schedule), John Mckiernan-Gonzalez, Angela Murphy

Guests:

Agenda Items:

The minutes of 9.19.18 were unanimously approved after a motion in support by Dr. Grasso and a second by Dr. Erhart.

Dean Brennan distributed a flyer about Rotary Club scholarships sent to her by former Dean of Liberal Arts, Dr. Ann Marie Ellis

Dean Brennan provided information about the Computer Information Resources Advisory Council meeting and the LMS sandboxes. Dr. Smith noted that TRACS users can see how these new LMS modules will work by “playing in the sandboxes.”

The University now has a university-wide contract for ARC-GIS.

The Library has hired a GIS expert.

The Registrar announced new room reservation software for 2019.

The Library is now a part of HathiTrust, an internet digitization archive, and GWLA, The Greater Western Library Association, important associations for our mission to become a Tier One Research Institution.

ITAC promises a new policy update for security that will allow permanent passwords.

CAD has approved the new department name for Department of World Languages and Literatures (formerly Modern Languages).

Manuel Goel, Coordinator for International Affairs in Texas State’s International Office, will take information about Graduate programs to universities in South America. Chairs and faculty should contact him with materials and information to take.

Dr. Mathew Juge, Associate Professor of Spanish, is the COLA rep to the ACC.

Dean Brennan noted that the call for Andrew Carnegie Fellow Program has gone out. Dr. Kate Spradlin will be the Senior Level nominee. The University can send up numerous 2-page applications for the junior level award. Dr. Roundtree's examination of previous years' winners found the common threads among winners to be novel, innovative approaches, which are acknowledged by the discipline, which has garnered national and international media coverage. Their winners' works seek to create community and offers practical applications. The junior level nomination is for nominees who earned their PhD in 2008 or later. Senior level nominees earned the PhD before 2008. Chairs are asked to send the names of appropriate candidates to Dr. Roundtree by Thursday, October 18. She will contact applicants.

Dean Brennan noted that standardized College policies can be discussed in future meetings, to further the development of College-wide policies concerning workload, maternity and paternity leave, and other issues, if possible.

Dean Brennan reminded the Council about John Mckiernan-Gonzalez's speakers for next week.

Dean Roundtree will be offering writing workshops. She asked chairs to send emails to her describing how their departments count writing for the popular press. She also noted that junior faculty and some associate professors have been invited to submit white papers for meetings with a consultants' workshop sponsored by the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs for faculty interested in NIH-NSF grants.

Dean Brennan asked whether all promotion and tenure boxes are completed. She reminded chairs that documents can be added or removed at this point.

Chairs announced events. Dr. Lu reminded everyone about the Race, Ethnicity, and Place conference to be held in Austin next week.

The meeting ended at 2:53 p.m.