

ACN Meeting Minutes
May 19th, 2009

Members Present:

K. Barnes, S. Byrne Irwin, R. Cocos, K. Coffaro, T. Current, T. Danner, J. DeRoche, L. Fitzenberger, L. Fuller, S. Gosz, D. Gygi, J. Hawkins, T. Hill, B. Hinshaw, A. Joseph, C. Kaye, M. Knasinski, G. Kopke, A. Kowaliczko, A. Maldonado, J. Murray, A. Northrup, K. Omachinski, D. Patnode, H. Pfersch, V. Provost, J. Rahmer, C. Rasavong, K. Raymond, E. Rolland, K. Roosevelt, T. Scheer, W. Scherer, L. Siekert, G. Wallander, J. Wishman, C. Wolf, A. Wrench, S. Zlotocha

Jeffrey Merrick, Associate Dean for the Humanities, L&S: New GER initiative "Give the Students a Compass."

LEAP (Liberal Education and America's Promise) is a national initiative of the Association of American Colleges and Universities. Wisconsin became the first LEAP state in 2005. There are currently over 600 GER courses at UWM, but soon there will be a switch from a distribution model to an educational outcomes model. This will provide a rationale for what the university expects students to gain from the courses. Essential learning outcomes include:

- Knowledge of Human Cultures and the Physical and Natural World
- Intellectual and Practical Skills
- Personal and Social Responsibility
- Integrative Learning

Faculty is being asked to highlight these skills in the syllabus. UWM is also involved in the Compass project, another AACU initiative – UWM's project is to implement this GER change, look at the impact of the reforms on under-served students, and look at high-impact practices (freshman seminars, study abroad programs, learning communities, etc.)

A General Education task force has been formed; after the upcoming institute in Minneapolis, a schedule will be created and departmental workshops on this topic will be offered this fall.

Jennifer Murray (Director,) Warren Scherer (Program Coordinator,): LGBT Resource Center

The LGBT Resource Center is a unit within the Office of Student Life, and is mandatory-fee-funded through the Student Association. The Center was started by students (planned in 2001, opened in 2002) and its primary mission is to serve students. It's located in Union WG89 near the Terrace Café. Services include:

- Programs and events
- Guest speakers
- A resource and lending library
- Student-led small groups
- Safer sex materials
- Life coaching
- Advocacy on students' behalf

The newest initiative of the Center is the Safe Space Training program, consisting of two 90-minute components: LGBT 101 (terminology, etc.) and Ally Development (skills and action, advocating for students.) Training is open to all campus community members. Summer sessions are available, and can be enrolled in through MyDev. Info at www.lgbt.uwm.edu.

ACN Election Results

Congratulations to new ACN secretary/treasurer Shannon Byrne Irwin of the Honors College, and new ACN Recognition Committee member Yomarie Tejada of the Center for International Education.

Brian Hinshaw, incoming chair of the ACN Recognition Committee

Kate Coffaro was recognized for her service to the committee.

Please consider writing a letter of support this summer for an advisor you'd like to recognize. Each nomination packet for the award will include an application, a position description, a current and updated resume, and up to three letters of support.

Campus Community Reports

Enhancing Advising Subcommittee

The order has been placed for additional advising brochures, and will be here for the NFO dates.

Enrollment Services

The Admissions Office strongly encourages all students to apply as soon as possible for fall admission.

PAWS will be unavailable on Saturday May 30 and the morning of Sunday May 31st.

Tutoring and Academic Resource Center

Summer tutoring will be available, both walk-in and by appointment, starting next week for summer classes; a schedule will be sent out soon, and online tutoring is also available.

Announcements

L&I Sci 691 "European Information Society in a Global Context" is being offered this summer for U/G credit; a visiting professor from Brussels will present the course. This is a hybrid course, tuition charged as an on-site class even though the first three weeks are online. More info: Jennifer Hawkins (hawkinsj@uwm.edu)

The Academic Staff summer picnic will be held on Wednesday June 3rd from 4-6 pm on campus this year, between Klotsche Center and Chapman Hall. (The alternate location in case of rain will be in the Union Rec Center.) The cost is \$8/person and should be sent to Erin Patton by Friday May 29th (pattone@uwm.edu, Klotsche Center 318)