

Liberal Arts Section Annual Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Chair Charles Diede called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m. After the introduction of current officers, Charles gave his report of the activities of the LAS this year (see 08-09 annual report). The mentoring program is continuing and has joined with the Bible College Section's mentoring program to combine efforts. Anyone who wishes to participate as a mentor or mentee should see Lindsay Van Sicklen. Charles completed a list of institutions represented in ACL which are identified as Liberal Arts Colleges. He will make this information available on the website. At least 36 of these institutions were represented at the meeting. The policy clearinghouse has continued but did not add many policies this year.

The floor was opened for discussion. Discussion centered around the role of the LAS and possible directions for the future, including future conference programs.

Communication seems to be an issue. Both having a separate listserv or tagging ACL listserv messages were discussed, but no consensus was reached. A virtual committee was also suggested as a way to involve more members (especially those who can't come to conference)

Charles mentioned that the Bible College Section has a unifying issue (ABHE accreditation), but the liberal arts don't seem to have a corresponding focus. We could possibly discuss program ideas before conference to generate more interest in attending the meeting.

Specific possibilities for conference programs were mentioned: curricular design, re-accreditation, general education, the future of libraries, transition from college to university. The possibility of having a liberal arts track during conference was also brought up.

New officers were elected: Tami Robinson as vice-chair/chair-elect, and Alison Jones and Mick Williams as Members at large.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary