

Minutes of the Bachelors of Liberal Studies Committee

Regular meeting of the BLS Committee held at 4:01 pm on Monday, March 20, 2017 in Lee Hall 414.

Voting members, Ana Chichester (Director, BLS Program), Shumona Dasgupta (chair; CAS), Jackie Gallagher (CAS), Leanna Giancarlo (secretary; CAS), Nora Kim (CAS), Cristina Turdean (CAS), and *ex-officio* member, and Jessica McGraw (Assistant Director, BLS Program), were in attendance.

Minutes were approved electronically.

Reports:

Ana Chichester (Director, BLS Program) provided an update on search for the Executive Director for Continuing and Professional Education. There were over 80 applicants. Interviews were concluded two weeks ago, and recommendations were provided to the Provost. The Executive Director will be in place for fall 2017. This person will be in charge of creating new credit degrees, certificate programs and non-credit courses for development and increasing our undergraduate and graduate degree offerings for non-traditional students.

Jessica McGraw (Assistant Director, BLS Program) reported that 26 BLS students graduated in fall 2016 with 27 majors. Ten of these students graduated with distinction and one with highest distinction.

After attending Green Zone Training with Golda Eldridge (Center for Honor, Leadership and Service), it was decided that veterans need a single person to help direct them and answer questions; therefore, Jessica will become the point of contact for veterans.

Finally, Jessica announced that we are reviving our Honor Society Chapter of Alpha Sigma Lambda, the premier honor society for adult students. Honor cords have been ordered, and students who have achieved distinction or highest distinction will be invited to join. Dues will be \$20.00. The induction ceremony is set for April 21, 2017.

Items of Business:

The committee unanimously approved Mele Richardson's request for a special major in Art Museum Management.

Announcements:

Shumona Dasgupta will email members of the committee as to the day (Monday or Wednesday) for our April meeting.

Adjourned at 4:44 pm.