

Student Affairs and Campus Life Advisory Committee  
Minutes 11/6/13

In attendance: Doug Searcy, Suzanne Hough, Kim Kinsey, Robert Rycroft, Anand Rao, Jon McMillan

Guests: Colin Coleman, Margot Jebb, Ken Machande

Minutes of the last meeting were approved via email before this meeting.

1. Margot discussed her attendance at the LLC conference in Kansas City. While many programs discussed revolved around broad themes, Margot and Colin reiterated their interest in keeping the development of LLCs at UMW based in academics and driven by Faculty members. They hope to expand LLCs to 8-9 in total for the 2013-14 academic year.
2. The committee invited Ken Machande, who oversees the College of Business' LLC to discuss their program.
  - a. Ken was vociferous in promoting the community, detailing several ways in which students are succeeding in comparison to their peers who are not participating in an LLC.
  - b. Incoming freshman (22-26 students this year) who joined the LLC were guaranteed spots in four courses that comprise five of the required courses for pre- business. This represents the largest number of related courses for the current LLC's at UMW (most only have one linked course).
  - c. Ken commented on a noticeable increase in class participation, better bonds between students, and an overall increase in average grades within the LLC group.
  - d. The college of Business plans to continue its program next year by actively promoting it at Open House events with prospective students.
3. Anand raised the possibility of linking more courses to an LLC (similar to the College of Business), but having these relate to a minor course of study instead of a major. This model would allow students to join groups based around a common theme or interest without directing them into a major too early in their studies.
4. The committee discussed Margot's proposed guide for faculty applying for the creation of new LLCs.
  - a. Jon raised a question about the proposed stipend for faculty overseeing the LLC- it was determined that the faculty overseeing the program (not necessarily teaching the linked course) will receive the stipend and oversee the program funding.
  - b. Many members of the committee voiced concern about the nature of a stipend, and whether it was necessary or justified.

- c. Kim and Ken suggested that this should count towards service for the University and not involve outright pay.
  - d. Anand suggested using Faculty development funding as incentive instead of a stipend. If the LLC became large/complex enough, perhaps that Faculty member could qualify for a course release. VP Searcy echoed his support for this idea.
5. The Committee agreed by voice vote to serve in an advisory role in helping review applications for new LLCs. The group stressed their willingness to help review and develop proposals without taking part in the vote to approve them.
  6. The group discussed a potential trip to the University of Richmond to see some of the LLCs in existence there. This trip will most likely occur in January.
  7. The next meeting will be in January (date TBD), as the first week in December is the final week of classes this year.

Respectfully submitted,

Jon McMillan  
Secretary  
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