



Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts

Many programs in Academic Affairs involve collaboration with other offices across the campus, as well as with external partners. These partnerships are essential to strengthen the College's academic program.

Vice President Brown discussed the Council of Public Liberal Arts Colleges (COPLAC) Northeast Regional Undergraduate Research Conference, which brought faculty and students from five regional COPLAC institutions to MCLA on October 1st-2nd.

Trustee Leibowitz acknowledged the quality and accomplishments of the MCLA faculty.

Promotions

Vice President Brown presented information on three pending promotion recommendations. These were cases under review by the committee on promotion last year which were not completed in time to present to the Trustees due to a greater number of promotion cases than the committee typically reviews. She brought the following promotions before the committee:

- David Eve, Computer Science, promotion to Associate Professor
- Thomas Byrne, Psychology, promotion to Professor
- Daniel (Dana) Rapp, Education, promotion to Professor

The committee discussed the importance of hearing about the faculty and their accomplishments in teaching, scholarship, and service, and endorsed President Grant's approval of these promotions.

President Grant acknowledged Vice President Brown's work in managing the personnel actions process.

Board of Higher Education Vision Project

Vice President Brown reported on the Vision Project conference held on September 30th. A team from MCLA attended the conference.

The Vision Project report released at the conference endorses a number of activities in which MCLA is already deeply engaged, including the American Association of Colleges and Universities' Liberal Education and American's Promise (LEAP) initiative, and the use of the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE).

There will be campus engagement with the Vision project through open meetings during the month of October.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 12:57 p.m.