



**Minutes of the Meeting of the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Academic Affairs Committee
Wednesday, March 9, 2011
Admissions Office Conference Room**

Members in attendance:
Dick Lamb, Chair

Vice President Brown has recommended and the president has approved the following faculty for sixth, fifth, fourth, and third year reappointment.

Sixth Year

Dale Fink, Assistant Professor, Education
Peter Hoyt, Assistant Professor, Biology (Athletic Training)
Lauren O'Neal, Assistant Professor, Fine and Performing Arts (Arts Management)

Fifth Year

Elena Traister, Assistant Professor, Biology (Environmental Studies)

Fourth Year

Michael Dilthey, Assistant Professor, Fine and Performing Arts (Music)
Emily Mooney, Assistant Professor, Biology
Melanie Mowinski, Assistant Professor, Fine and Performing Arts (Art)
Daniel Shustack, Assistant Professor, Biology (Environmental Studies)

Third Year

Sharon Claffey, Assistant Professor of Psychology
Petra Hejnova, Assistant Professor of Political Science and Public Policy

Chemistry Major Update – Process for Approval

Dean Monica Joslin noted that the number of students majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) fields continues to increase. To support this growth in interest, the College is in the process of developing a major in Chemistry.

Dean Joslin noted that developing and approving a major is a thorough process. It includes course and program development at the department

complement a double major in education for those interested in pursue careers as science teachers.

MCLA previously had a chemistry major, but the program was cut (and a minor in chemistry instituted) in 1998. Restoring the major is a natural consequence of the growth in STEM majors at the College, as well as an essential component of the College's liberal arts mission. The chemistry major is also a key part of the interdisciplinary program for the Center for Science and Innovation.

Educator Licensure Program Update

In April 2011 the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) will visit MCLA to conduct a review of the College's educator licensure program. The visiting team will assess MCLA's success in meeting licensure stanMCA5.-c03re program.