

Dr. Rebecca Wheeler; President's report
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Disposition of the Liberal Learning Emphasis

In a memo dated March 30, Brian Bradie reported on recommendations from Liberal Learning Council. The LLC recommends *against* making any changes to

- a) mathematical literacy
- b) Investigating the Natural World AofI
- c) Writing intensive requirements.

He continues, "though the LLC would prefer that no changes be made to the LLC... if financial exigency requires... the LLC recommends that the elimination of the Liberal Learning Emphasis be the first reduction. If deeper cuts are necessary, reducing the number of Areas of Inquiry should be the next step. However, the Council would prefer exploring options for combining similar areas to eliminating any particular area."

In a memo dated March 31, Provost Padilla asks the two college deans to discuss with their curriculum committees his recommendation to eliminate the Liberal Learning Emphasis from the curriculum. The Provost asks the Deans and Faculty to address the matter at their initial meeting in Fall 2009.

The Second Chance Program

Second Chance Program provides academic support and protection to students having returned from dismissal due to academic failure. Current program practice is in conflict with Undergraduate Catalog language.

In particular, Catalog says students will sign a contract with the advising center, but practice is that students sign a contract each semester. Provost's Office recommends modification so that the student remains under contract as first signed, not needing to renew each semester.

Second, currently, this program "does not protect these students until they reach good academic standing. Rather it only protects them until they reach 'probation range.' Accordingly, the Provost's Office recommends that all such students remain under contract and "be protected from dismissal, until they reach Good Academic Standing."

Senate response due to Assoc. Provost Cartwright by Wednesday, May 6.

Graduation Weekend Schedule

See the CNU website, left hand side of home screen for Commencement Exercises, and then see "schedule of events.