

American Society for Engineering Education
Liberal Education Division
Draft Minutes

Annual Breakfast Meeting – June 20, 2006
at the Hyatt Regency Chicago-Riverside Center

1. Division Chair John Krupczak called the meeting to order.
2. John Krupczak thanked Borjana Mikic for organizing this year's conference. [The Division responded with much applause.]
3. John Krupczak introduced Roberta Harvey as the 2007 LED program chair.
4. Heinz Luegenbiehl awarded Dr. Rachele Hollander with the Olmsted Award, citing her important contributions to the liberal education dimensions of engineering education throughout her career at the National Science Foundation. A short biography that lists a few of her accomplishments is posted on the LED website.
5. John Krupczak introduced Shirley Pomeranz as the PIC III chair for this year and next year. Pomeranz congratulated Borjana Mikic and the Liberal Education Division for nominating Lewis Duncan for one of the distinguished lectures and encouraged the Division to e-mail her with any questions or issues that we would like brought to the board of directors.
6. John Krupczak presented Jerry Gravander as nominee for chair for 2007 and Borjana Mikic for chair-elect. The Division approved the nominees.
7. John Krupczak opened the floor to discuss what the Division should do about special issue groups (i.e. spin them off or make them a part of the Division). Krupczak suggested that people e-mail him their ideas and he will address the issue in the newsletter that Steve VanderLeest has been publishing.

Borjana Mikic argued that the special issue groups are causing a bit of an identity problem for the Division. She argued that there is a richness to keeping the core of liberal education together.

Joe Herkert contended that the forming of these new committees is actually a success of the Division. He maintained that the practical and serious issue is the scheduling conflicts that have resulted (i.e. the Engineering Ethics Constituent Committee had panels that conflicted with the LED meeting and some of the LED panels on engineering ethics)

Mikic noted that part of the problem comes from the system of co-sponsoring which led to a situation in which LED panels conflicted with LED co-sponsored panels.

Jerry Gravander noted that this issue was discussed at the PIC III meeting and was on the agenda for the Engineering Ethics Constituent Committee meeting the next day.

Heinz Luegenbiehl expressed concern that ASEE will only allow a given number of sessions for “secondary stuff” and that as these groups expand, LED will lose some of its slots.

Borjana Mikic noted that as long as the co-sponsored sessions are not at the same time, the number of LED sessions have expanded.

David Ollis suggested that LED members take advantage of ASEE’s fluidity and think of liberal education broadly.

8. John Krupczak thanked Borjana Mikic for securing an LED-sponsored plenary speaker. Mikic urged LED members to send suggestions for future plenary speakers to Roberta Harvey.
9. Bernie Carlson announced that he has organized an LED dinner at Coco Pazzo at 7:00pm if anyone would like to join.
10. Bernie Carlson informed the Division that the Society for the History of Technology (SHOT) has started a group that discusses the role of history of technology and social studies of technology in engineering education. Carlson suggested that those interested contact him and he will put them on their mailing list. Heinz Luegenbiehl noted that until a few years ago SHOT had a session on liberal education every year and suggests that someone take responsibility to make that happen again.
11. Jerry Gravander presented John Krupczak with a plaque that recognizes his service as Liberal Education Division Chair during 2005-2006.
12. Krupczak offered his thanks, encouraged everyone to attend the LED sponsored distinguished lecture immediately following the breakfast, and adjourned the meeting.