

THE LILLY PROJECT FOR THE EXPLORATION OF VOCATION
Contemplation ∞ Commitment

Sixth Meeting of the Steering Committee
7 September 2004
Lilly House Reading Room

I. Update on the Project

Steering Committee Discussion

- We would like to welcome Professor Denise Bostdorff (Communication Department), who is generously serving as faculty representative while Kent Kille is on leave.
- New with us today is the Assistant Director of the Lilly Project, Susan Hawkins Wilding. Susan Hawkins-Wilding was previously the Coordinator of Student Services at Ohio Dominican University (ODU) directing the academic advising and student services for their accelerated adult degree programs in Business. She holds a Masters degree in Education from Ohio State University and a BA in Communications from Youngstown State University. Prior to working at ODU she was an Academic Advisor for Ohio State University helping students explore their majors and also has experience in career services and admissions from Capital University. Susan's areas of interest within higher education are Myers Briggs in relation to spirituality, non-verbal communication, and college student development. Susan feels an important aspect of the exploration of vocation is asking how we create balance within all aspects of our lives.
- "Vocation is Not a Dirty Word," essay by the former president of Skidmore College (<http://www.carnegiefoundation.org/perspectives/perspectives2004.Mar.htm>)
- Lilly-funded study "Fostering Student Development Through Faculty Development": breakfast Sept. 10. Our college is included by virtue of being church-related and intentionally fostering holistic student development (including religious and spiritual aspects of the young person). Larry A. Braskamp and Lois Trautvetter of Loyola College are visiting us Sept 9-10 as part of a national project on church colleges. For information see www.luc.edu/projectfaculty).
- The mission statement of our college, and our letter of agreement with the Presbyterian synod
- Lisa Watts is currently working on a February issue of Alumni Magazine on campus spirituality
- Interested in some guidelines for talking with students about vocation? Please visit <http://www.ptev.org/hints.aspx?iid=5> for useful hints.
- Totals for involvement across campus in 2003-4 (this didn't make it into the Program Report): Faculty 86; Staff 63; Students 120
- Budget Revision to Endowment this fall to reallocate funds (personnel funds unused by absence of Assistant Director) toward Personnel Benefits (turning out to be more expensive than anticipated), Legal Humanitarian Internship (to fund two students during the summer of 2005), perhaps a campus-wide event for 2006 "Shabbat, Sabbath, Sabbatical" or events to introduce to our campus the concepts of Conflict Transformation

PTEV News

- **Conflict Transformation Institute** hosted by **Manchester College**'s Lilly Project ("Plowshares"): Dianna and David Brown attended
- **PTEV Plenary Conference**: this October: Dianna, Carolyn Buxton, and Madeline Duntley will attend
- **Religious Perspectives in Higher Education** faculty workshop on our campus May 17 was co-facilitated by Dianna and Chuck, and guided by Mark U. Edwards, Associate Dean, Harvard Divinity School and President Emeritus, St. Olaf College
- Religious Studies faculty members **Mary Bader** and **Mark Graham** attended a summer workshop in June, having received grants from the **Wabash Center for Teaching Excellence** for support of junior religious studies/theology faculty at PTEV colleges
- **Macalester Six-College Writing Project** *Life Work* curriculum (Dianna is a co-author), is in final draft form after meeting in LA this summer
- Linda is creating a **mini-grant proposal** involving PC(USA) PTEV colleges and PC(USA) seminaries
- Earlham "Plowshares" conference in October: Pat Lavelle and Susan are coordinating a group of students to attend

II. Update on Programs

Seminary Semester (coordinated by Dianna, Charles Kammer, KP Hong, and Ishwar Harris)

- **Katie Strednak** (Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary spring 2005)
- **Laura Van Voorhees** (Institute for the Study of Religion and Culture, Payap University, summer 2004)
- **International dimension**: Ishwar Harris and Dianna are formalizing seminary semester ties in Thailand with **Payap University**'s Institute for the Study of Religion and Society (Director John Butt) and McGilvary Faculty of Theology (Rev. Bill Yoder, Dean of Faculty, who will visit Wooster this month).
- Richard Bell is teaching at **Rhodes University** in South Africa (<http://www.ru.ac.za/>), and exploring a seminary semester relationship for us with that institution.
- **Claremont**: Chuck is investigating a partnership with our college.
- We will continue to reach out to new institutions in coordination with the Pre-ministry program of OICM, and will fund student visits for **weekend orientation/exploratory sessions** at seminaries. KP is researching these and advertising them to students.

Medical Humanitarian Internship (Thomas Tierney, Chair of Pre-Health Advising)

Interns for 2004

- **Aaron Bergman** (Peacework Development Fund in Belize, faculty mentor Bill Morgan)
- **Angela Bilancini** (Child Family Health International in Ecuador, faculty mentor Marieke Herrmann)
- **Ijeoma Eccles-James** (International Partners for Service Learning in Mexico, faculty mentor Ted Williams)
- **Scott Gray** (AIDS orphanage in Montana de Luz, Honduras, faculty mentor Claudia Thompson)

Legal Humanitarian Internship (Henry Kreuzman, Chair of Pre-Law Advising, and Lisa Kastor, Director of Career Services)

Interns for 2004

- **Emma Hayes** (National Partnership for Women and Families in Washington, DC, faculty mentor Mark Weaver)
- **Kalyn Kappelman** (environmental law firm PennFuture in Pittsburgh, faculty mentor Mark Weaver)
- Remaining funds will be used to continue program, summer 2005

Azimuth (committee chaired by Linda Morgan-Clement)

Recipients for 2004 are

- **Aung Nay** (Burmese Buddhist communities in Washington, DC, faculty mentor Mark Graham)
- **Anne Guthrie** (monastic life and Gregorian chant, faculty mentor Richard Bell)
- **Shoshana Raskas** (organic farming in the American southwest, faculty mentor Lynn Loveless)
- **Elizabeth Roesch** (community impact of the Mississippi River Trail, faculty mentor Heather Fitz Gibbon)

Major Speakers (Committee chaired by Charles Kammer)

- **Jane Goodall** (coming Sept 27 2004)
- **Bill Moyers** an upcoming possibility
- Arun Gandhi is coming in February, sponsored by Morris Lecture Fund and Clergy Academy of Religion, and Lilly Project

Faculty/Staff Retreats (at Mohican Resort Lodge; co-facilitators Dianna and Linda Morgan-Clement)

- November 19-20 with Wellness Center staff
- Clearness Committee (formed from the October 2003 retreat)

Worthy Questions (Linda Morgan-Clement and K. P. Hong)

- Continues the theme of “Knowing” this fall; will hold annual retreat in January

Congregational Partnerships (Linda Morgan-Clement)

Linda is currently working to create shared service projects to promote vocational discernment with churches

- Trinity UCC
- Westminster Presbyterian
- First Presbyterian
- St. James Episcopal
- Zion Lutheran
- Wooster United Methodist

And with student groups

- Peace by Peace
- Pueblo Esperanza

Service Learning

- Four faculty members teaching SL this fall; Susan is coordinating support and researching grant opportunities

ReIntegration (formerly Re-Entry Retreat) (coordinated by K.P. Hong and Susan Hawkins-Wilding)

- At our last meeting in April we reviewed, brainstormed together, and revised the Re-Entry Retreat, which is now the ReIntegration program. The Associate Campus Minister and the Assistant Director of the Lilly Project co-facilitate this program, with an advisory committee including Teresa Johnson (Biology), Rose Falkner (i.e., her replacement), Karen Edwards, and Dianna.

Assessment (to determine sustainability) and Reports to the Endowment

- Financial and Program reports were submitted in July; you all have copies today
- We maintain **involvement lists** of students, staff, and faculty who participate in our programs, and a current **circulation list** of books checked out of the Vocational Library
- Assessment through **written evaluations, oral interviews, and focus groups**, and financial and program **reports** to the Lilly Endowment, Inc. are on schedule as outlined in the grant document. Susan is helping with this effort
- External reviewer may be invited to campus in fall of 2005 or spring of 2006

Director

- “Aristotle and the Pursuit of Happiness” (based on the *Nicomachean Ethics*)
- **Service Learning** component with Ida Sue School
- Director speaks to Lay Academy of Religion October 6: “What Word Has Escaped the Barrier of John’s Teeth? Logos at the Beginning.”

III. Update on Facilities & Getting the Word Out

Lilly House

- Meditation & Prayer room now upstairs and in use
- Libraries continue to grow as donations and our budget provide
- Friday afternoon Tea & Conversation this year focuses on Creative Journaling
- We have had student requests to extend our open (i.e. non-program) hours
- Peace Justice Earth Week, April 19-25 2004. Coordinated with the student organizers (leaders of Peace by Peace, ECOS, Campus Democrats, Campus Ministries, Pueblo de Esperanza, etc.) to present a Tea at Lilly House titled “We All Are Called to Save Our Earth: Vocation in Nature.” c. 35 students, faculty and staff attended
- Alumni Board reception at Lilly House April 24, 2004
- April 25 Greek Orthodox Worship with Tim Barron, KP, the Kardulias family, and 6 students

- Lilly informational table in Lowry, facing the front doors, for a week during lunchtime this month.
- Poster, with a pocket filled with brochures, in the front stairwell of Lowry (where the lunch line forms)
- Photo wall in Lowry lobby for two weeks, starting September 19: "Meet Our Students: Lilly Summer Field Experiences"

Respectfully Submitted,

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