

Advancing the ideals of liberal education and supporting provosts, deans, associate and assistant deans in their work.

ACAD

AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF ACADEMIC DEANS

**62nd Annual Meeting
“Articulating the Value
and Managing the Culture
of Liberal Education”**

Volume 6, Issue 1
Fall/Winter 2005-06

From the ACAD Chair



Virginia M. Coombs, Chair
Provost & Vice Chancellor
University of Wisconsin-River Falls

Welcome to the 62nd Annual Meeting of ACAD! On behalf of the members of the ACAD Board I invite you to join us at our reception, hosted with the Phi Beta Kappa Society, on Friday at 5:30 p.m. in the McPherson/Franklin Square rooms.

The joint meeting between AAC&U and ACAD is a time each year in which we look forward to seeing each other, sharing our ideas and challenges as leaders in liberal education. Our program theme, “Articulating the Value and Managing the Culture of Liberal Education” will offer you an op-

portunity to discuss current topics in higher education. Our sessions are open to all conference attendees and we welcome your participation.

The “Open Mic” session devoted to current topics on the minds of many deans (Friday at 4:15pm in Constitution CDE) is a favorite among those who have been ‘deaning’ for awhile and provides an excellent opportunity for those of you who are new deans to meet and network with your colleagues.

Enjoy the conference!

ACAD BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CHAIR:

Virginia M. Coombs, Provost & Vice Chancellor, University of Wisconsin-River Falls

VICE CHAIR:

Stephen Ainlay, Vice President for Academic Affairs, College of the Holy Cross

SECRETARY/TREASURER

Janice Walker, Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, Xavier University

MEMBERSHIP & BOARD DEVELOPMENT

Howard Erlich, Dean, School of Humanities & Sciences, Ithaca College

PAST CHAIR:

Jim Pence, Provost & Dean, Graduate Studies, Pacific Lutheran University

CLASS OF 2005

Paul Armstrong, Dean of the College, Brown University

Michele Dominy, Dean of the College, Bard College

Robert Thompson, Dean, Trinity College of Arts & Sciences, Duke University

CLASS OF 2006

Pearl Bartelt, Provost & VP for Academic Affairs, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania

Stephen Briggs, Provost & VP for Academic Affairs, College of New Jersey

Samuel Hines, Dean School of Languages, Cultures & World Affairs, College of Charleston

Marc Roy, VP for Academic Affairs, Dean of Faculty, Coe College

CLASS OF 2007

Laura Armesto, VP for Academic Affairs, Chatham College

Geoffrey Chase, Dean, Division of Undergraduate Studies, San Diego State University

William Craft, VP for Academic Affairs, Dean of the College, Luther College

Linda Cabe Halpern, Dean, James Madison University

ACAD STAFF

Laura A. Rzepka, Administrative Director

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL ACAD AND PBK COLLABORATION

In October 2005, ACAD and the Phi Beta Kappa Society (PBK) joined forces again on their second co-sponsored conference: *Liberal Arts Education in America and the World* hosted by the George Washington University. Over 150 deans, provosts, faculty and other academicians from across the nation and abroad attended the three-day conference.

Following our first successful collaboration in 2003 (*Intellectual Leadership in the Liberal Arts* hosted by the College of Charleston), the conference engaged participants in important conversations about the possibilities and promises of liberal arts education in global contexts. It also challenged attendees to imagine and think in new ways about the leadership required from academics in the United States to promote a rich understanding of global issues and cultures. John Churchill, Secretary, Phi Beta Kappa and conference co-chair said, “We were really pleased with the number of people who came to the conference and with the quality of the presen-

tations. There was a lot of good exchange. That’s very important to us because the whole idea is to provide the exchange on intellectual issues that led us to this work in the first place.”

With wonderful feedback from conference attendees ACAD and PBK are already busy discussing ideas and locations for another collaborative conference. Working together, the two organizations are fast becoming a valuable resource for those in the field. Please visit the ACAD Web site (www.acad-edu.org) for information on upcoming conferences.

A very special thank you goes to the conference planning committee: Co-Chair, Jim Pence (Pacific Lutheran University), Co-Chair John Churchill (Phi Beta Kappa), Solveig Zempel (St. Olaf College), Gregory Mahler (Kalamazoo College), Virginia Coombs (Chair ACAD Board of Directors), Charles Adams (University of Arkansas), Kurt Olsson (University of Idaho), and Linda Moore (Emerson College). Also, thank you to Dean

William Frawley (CCAS) and Maxine Cogar from George Washington University for hosting this event.

Featured speakers were Dr. Madeleine F. Green, Vice President & Director, Center for Institutional Initiatives, The American Council on Education; Mr. Jesse Sheidlower, North American Editor, The Oxford English Dictionary; Dr. Joseph N. White, Foreign Service Institute; and Dr. Katherine H. Will, President, Gettysburg College. To view Dr. Madeleine Green and Dr. Katherine Will’s plenary presentations, please visit www.acad-edu.org.



Conference Co-Chair, Dr. Jim Pence, ACAD, Plenary Speaker Dr. Katherine Will, Gettysburg College and Conference C-chair, Dr. John Churchill, PBK



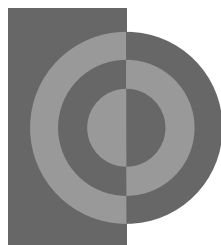
W. ROBERT CONNOR, PRESIDENT, TEAGLE FOUNDATION, KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT ACAD LUNCHEON

With the title *Valuing our Values: Taking Liberal Education to the Next Level*, the keynote address at the ACAD luncheon promises to be both interesting and informative. Joining the Teagle Foundation as its President in May 2003, keynote speaker Dr. W. Robert Connor has worked to support the Foundation's "special emphasis on seeing that today's students have a challenging, wide ranging and enriching college education" (www.teaglefoundation.org) and has worked effectively with institutions to maintain

high standards while working with limited resources. "I was lucky enough to receive a liberal education and I have benefited from it in various ways throughout my life. Now my highest priority is to see that others have that same opportunity" said Connor on his "Liblog" (see www.teaglefoundation.org for more information). Connor's past experiences and current projects demonstrate his passion for liberal education and we are all looking forward to his keynote address.

"I was lucky enough to receive a liberal education and I have benefited from it in various ways throughout my life."

W. Robert Connor



ACAD ON TARGET

With over 560 members (and growing!) ACAD is poised to become the nation's premier resource for deans, provosts, and other academic administrators across the nation. ACAD offers its members networking and conference opportunities, a member's only listserv, reduced registration fee's at conferences such as the annual meeting, and other services geared toward our members. Stop by the ACAD booth for membership applications and more information! Or visit us on the Web at www.acad-edu.org.

ACAD WELCOMES ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR

For the past five months ACAD's new Administrative Director, Laura A. Rzepka, has been working in the ACAD offices. She comes to us with a B.S. degree in Community Development/Public Administration from Central Michigan University and several years experience working with non-profits in administration, fundraising, and membership. "I'm very excited to be working for ACAD" said Rzepka. "Our members have been just wonderful

through this transition and I am looking forward to our future and helping ACAD grow into the nation's premier resource for academic administrators and would encourage anyone to contact me with their comments, ideas, and suggestions." Rzepka works in the DC offices part-time (Monday-Friday 9:00am—2:00pm eastern) and can be reached by calling 202-884-7419 or emailed at rzepka@acad-edu.org.

We're on the Web!
www.acad-edu.org

ACAD MEMBER SURVEY COMING IN MARCH

We'd love to hear from you, our members! Coming in March, ACAD will be launching a member survey. We are always looking for ways to improve our services to and opportunities for our constituents and what better way than to get the ideas and suggestions straight from you? Your opinions and suggestions are very important to us! Please take the time to fill out and return the survey. We appreciate your participation as an ACAD member!

Not a member?

Visit the ACAD booth or speak with an ACAD Board Member for details!

**Regular Renewals for the 2006-07 Membership year begin
March 1, 2006**

**For ACAD membership information
visit www.acad-edu.org.**

ACAD offices are open Monday-Friday
9:00am-2:00pm Eastern

Please feel free to contact us at:

1818 R Street, NW
Washington, DC 20009
Phone: 202-884-7416