

Center of **Inquiry**

WABASH COLLEGE

College Advisors Meeting

08 March 2004

The overall goal of this gathering emerged from our fundamental questions of "What particular liberal arts education conditions produce these outcomes?" and "How does liberal arts education affect student development?" When we think of students within the college environment, in what ways might academic advisors assist students to construct a liberal arts education? This group was brought together to help us - the Center - understand how the answers to these questions might affect the work of academic advising and how advising might assist students to construct a liberal arts education. To accomplish this goal, we engaged participants in brainstorming sessions about how this information might affect the advising process and listened to their descriptions of work and purview of responsibility. Since this was a new concept for these folks to talk about, there was a notable movement from discussing the concrete, curriculum based notion of liberal arts education to a more thoughtful discussion of the outcomes and practices of liberal arts education. This group took their responsibility seriously and offered their best thinking about issues of advising and constructing liberal arts education. Academic advisors are a group of folks truly committed to guiding students to create a coherent college experience. They feel strongly that the advising function may be the only function on campus mandated to this task.

Participants	Institutions
Donna Stiller	Kent State University
Marion Schwartz	Pennsylvania State University- University Park
John Krebsbach	University of St. Thomas
Susan Doubma	CSB/SJU
Barbara Block	College of St. Catherine
Patrick Devine	Kennesaw State University
Regina Waters	Drury University
Sylvia Byrd	Mississippi State University
Melissa Eden	Hanover College
James Zarzana	Southwest Minnesota State University
Rita Baker	Purdue University
Jennifer Nelson	University of Nebraska
Larry Frye	Wabash College
Rosalind Lister	Wabash College
Richard Lynch	Wabash College
Bill Doemel	Wabash College
Patrick Myers	Wabash College
Kim Kline	Wabash College
Cherry Danielson	Wabash College
Jenn Laskowski	Wabash College
Charlie Blaich	Wabash College

Agenda

Monday, March 8th

- 6.00 - 7.00 Reception, Main Floor Lobby, Trippet Hall
- 7.00 - 8.30 Dinner, Trippet Hall Dining Room
- 8.30 - 9.15 Introductions and opening presentation of Center of Inquiry mission and projects, room 123

Tuesday, March 9th

- 7.30 - 8.30 Breakfast, Trippet Hall Dining Room

9.00 - 10.30 Session #1: Liberal Arts Emphasis, room 325

10.30 - 10.45 Break

10.45 - 12.00 Session #2: How can students construct a liberal arts education? room 325

12.00 - 1.00 Lunch

1.15 - 4.00 Session #3: How do these research findings affect advising?

4.00 - 5.30 Free time

4.15 Campus Tour- guide will meet those interested in Trippet Lobby

5.30 - 6.00 Reception, Trippet Hall 1st Floor Rotunda

6.00 - 7.30 Dinner

7.45 - 8.45 Session #4: "What next?" Room 325

Wednesday, March 10th

7.00 - 8.30 Breakfast, Trippet Hall Dining Room