

**To: Enrica Ardegmani, President, School of Liberal Arts Faculty Assembly**

**From: David Bivin, 2012-13 Chair, SLA Resources and Planning Committee**

**RE: Annual Report**

The Resources and Planning Committee met 7 times during the 2012-13 school year. The members of the committee are Didier Bertrand, Phil Goff, Chris Glidden, Rosa Tezanos-Pinto (fall semester), Herbert Brant (spring semester), Tim Lyons (ex officio representative of the Agenda Council), and myself.

Our primary obligation is to recommend which departmental requests for new hires should be implemented. We carried out this obligation during the first half of the fall semester. Ultimately the Dean approved twelve requests.

The committee also considered the Parking Privatization issue. The School of Liberal Arts voted to recommend that the university not consider this issue.

Budgeting issues were also important. During the 2011-2012 academic year, the school ran a deficit of \$491,267. For FY 2011-2012 the overall RC showed a positive bottom line of \$236,826. On the bright side, the Dean recently reported that the school has achieved 99% of the target. Fund-raising initiatives occur in 7-year cycles and the current cycle ends on June 30, 2013. IUPUI has also outperformed its goals laid out in the plan.

Liberal Arts is currently shifting some of its technology obligations to HelpNet, a branch of UITS. HelpNet will provide secure storage and possibly other services as well. Liberal Arts is preparing for the eventual retirement of its technology staff members, Mike Scott and Bill Stuckey. Under the former arrangements, Bill's workload was excessive. Out-sourcing server responsibilities eases his load somewhat.

A matter of immediate concern is a large recent reduction in the number of credit hours taken by majors in the School of Liberal Arts. Because this is so recent we do not understand why this has occurred or whether it is a long-term problem.