**ARC report – Faculty Assembly 02/05/2014**

**I. Summary of Current Activities**

1. Course /program requests. A total of 111 course / program requests were received by October 15. 107 have been “completed”.
   * We are awaiting submission of materials for a Master’s program in Social Work.
2. Krame Center for Contemplative Studies and Mindful Living. Per Board of Trustees Procedure/Policy #607, “Guidelines for Centers & Institutes”, ARC and Faculty Assembly are invited to comment on proposals for new centers/institutes. ARC has reviewed a proposal for the inception of the Krame Center and provided feedback to B. Goldstein, C. Davey & B. Barnett, and to Faculty Assembly President Jillian Weiss.

* We have several concerns, enumerated fully in the memo. They fall generally within three categories:

1. We lack information defining "mindfulness" in an academic context, and in the context of our curriculum and organization. We are concerned by the absence of academic criteria, and unclear how this proposal relates to the mission of the college.

2. We are concerned by the lack of information regarding budgeting, revenues, and by certain apparent errors in the accounting presented thus far.

3. We lack information regarding the impact of the center, i.e., its projected activities on campus (or off-campus), its impact upon existing programs and curriculum, and its impact upon hiring and staffing.

* + With the information at hand, the ARC does not endorse the proposal.

**II. Spring Agenda**

1. ARC Manual. Due to yet more changes from Middle States, the ARC manual will be revised again this year.
2. Election of new reps. For TAS, SSHGS, Library. Elections take place within the units. Reps serve 2-year terms.

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