

**Liberal Arts Council**  
**October 8, 2013**

Present: M. Aakhus, T. Bordelon, M. Dixon, R. Priest, J. deJong, J. Hardgrave, S. Rode, I. Phillips, S. Spencer, S. Hall, W. Rinks, N. LaRowe (for MT Hallock Morris), E. Wasserman, C. York, and B. Christie.

Absent: R. Gennaro and C. Rivera

Guest: K. Wilkins

The meeting started at 9:06 a.m.

**I. Course Modification Petitions**

ENG 288: Introduction to Women in Literature I. S. Spencer introduced the petition to change the course description and add ENG 101 as a prerequisite for the course. The petition was approved unanimously.

RTV 354: Writing for Electronic Media. W. Rinks introduced the petition to modify the course description and prerequisites. The petition was approved unanimously.

**II. New Program**

Art: Photography Minor. K. Wilkins introduced a minor in photography that will consist of twenty-four hours, which is consistent with other art minors currently offered. The proposed photography minor was endorsed unanimously, and it will now move to the Academic Planning Council for initial approval.

**III. Adjunct Teaching Loads**

M. Aakhus initiated a discussion concerning the current and projected teaching loads for adjunct faculty. One issue that we must monitor with adjunct teaching loads pertains to those who have other contracts in different colleges or units at the university. He stated that the College of Liberal Arts must present a strong case that we rely heavily upon our adjunct faculty to deliver courses in both the University Core Curriculum and our major programs.

M. Aakhus also reported that M. Dixon compiled a report in spring 2013 on adjunct teaching loads in the College of Liberal Arts. This report will be distributed to chairs.

Some chairs expressed concern as fall 2014 course schedules are already being drafted.

**IV. Open Items from Chairs**

W. Rinks informed chairs that a number of petitions will be distributed soon for consideration at our next meeting on October 22. He also reminded chairs that there will not be much time after that meeting to consider further petitions for new courses or course modifications before the November 15 deadline.

J. Hardgrave asked M. Aakhus if departments were expected to submit approved minutes from their meetings to the Dean. M. Aakhus suggested that, as a matter of transparency, departments could post their minutes on their departmental web pages.

R. Priest commented on the success of the Roads Colloquium, and she noted that many students had spoken to her positively about the experience.

**V. Announcements**

R. Priest announced that the annual SAC Field Day will be held in the Quad on Friday, November 1 at 3:30 p.m.

S. Rode announced that the Department of Modern and Classical Languages will present the Columbus Day and Hispanic Heritage Month Keynote Speaker, José Galvez on Thursday, October 10 at 1:30 p.m. in Carter Hall D.

I. Phillips announced that the Center for Social Justice Education will sponsor a presentation by Derreck Kayongo, founder of the Global Soap Project, on Thursday October 10 at 3:00 p.m. in HP 1006.

J. deJong encouraged chairs to visit the Art Club booth at the Fall Festival this week.

M. Dixon reminded chairs that applications for Major as Home Grants are due by Friday, October 11. He also reminded chairs that the Exploring Majors Fair will take place in Carter Hall on Wednesday October 16, from 10:00-2:00 and that the first Southern Hospitality Day is scheduled for Saturday, October 19.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.