

Liberal Arts Council
September 18, 2012

Present: M. Aakhus, T. Bordelon, M. Dixon, J. deJong, S. Spencer, E. Wasserman, R. Priest, J. Evey, S. Rode, R. Gennaro, J. Hardgrave, MT Hallock Morris, W. Rinks, I. Phillips, C. York, P. Moore, and B. Christie.

Guest: D. Craig

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of August 28, 2012 and September 4, 2012 were approved unanimously.

II. Curriculum Items

S. Spencer described the rationale for the English program modifications for minors, explaining that the deletion of ENG 389 and the additions of ENG 371 and 372 have made the modifications necessary. The modifications were approved unanimously.

W. Rinks discussed the rationale for modifications to the Journalism, Public Relations and Advertising, and Radio and Television majors. The Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communication has changed its requirements concerning the minimum number of non-Mass Communications hours and the total number of Liberal Arts/Science coursework students must complete. These changes have prompted the proposed modifications. The modifications were approved unanimously.

D. Craig presented a course modification to MUS 171 (Aural Skills I) and three new course petitions: MUS 210 (Applied Voice), MUS 381 (Music History I), and MUS 382 (Music History II). After one request for clarification concerning the frequency of class meetings in MUS 210, the modification and the three new course petitions were approved unanimously.

III. Policy on Readmitting Academically Dismissed Students

W. Rinks discussed the Communications contract that he had distributed to chairs, emphasizing the built-in discretion it offers. Additionally, he expressed satisfaction with the results that requiring monthly meetings with readmitted students has produced. Other chairs commented upon the contracts they use and the similarities these share with the Communications contract as well as their different policies regarding GPA improvement.

IV. Campus Security Authority

Concerns were voiced regarding the recently distributed email informing chairs, administrators, and some staff members that they are designated Campus Security Authorities. Chief among the concerns expressed included the inadequacy of the attached PowerPoint, the lack of formal training, the need for the reporting form, and

the potential legal issues involved with this designation. M. Aakhus will request that this item be added to the agenda of the next Academic Affairs meeting.

V. Open Items from Chairs

Several chairs requested information regarding the proposed changes to the 2013 summer session schedule. MT Hallock Morris reported that there will be open house meetings for faculty to comment on the proposal, that it will be presented to SGA, and that M. Bernard will present it to the Council of Department Chairs and Program Directors at its next meeting. The Faculty Senate's approval of the proposal is sought prior to November 1, 2012. M. Aakhus requested that we reopen the discussion on the proposal after the Council of Department Chairs and Program Directors has discussed it.

S. Rode noted some errors in the new College of Liberal Arts recruitment brochure. M. Aakhus requested that any further errors be reported to M. Dixon, who will ensure that these are corrected in future printings.

S. Spencer asked for any information regarding updates to departmental web pages. M. Aakhus informed chairs that no date has been provided and that any requests to edit or update information be sent to Brandi Hess.

J. Hardgrave inquired about the paperwork associated with the proposed Arts and Heritage Administration minor. M. Aakhus requested that J. Hardgrave, J. deJong, and E. Wasserman meet soon and move the proposed program forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.