

Liberal Arts Council
October 16, 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 9:02 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 2, 2012 were approved unanimously.

II. Music Minors

D. Craig introduced proposals for three new minors in music and requested that the Liberal Arts Council endorse them before their consideration at the Academic Planning Council. The three proposed minors include: General Music, Applied Vocal Music Performance, and Applied Vocal Music Education. All three proposals were endorsed unanimously.

III. Proposed Interdisciplinary Gerontology Minor

J. Evey presented a preliminary draft proposal of a new minor in Gerontology. The proposal has been generated by the College of Nursing and Health Professions and it will replace the old Gerontology minor offered by that college. This new proposed minor is an interdisciplinary one and J. Evey as well as others have been consulted in its development. As no clearly defined process exists currently for the introduction of interdisciplinary programs, J. Evey has brought this draft proposal before the Liberal Arts Council so that others are aware of its development. She expects that the minor will be submitted formally in spring 2013.

IV. Arts and Heritage Administration Minor

M. Aakhus requested an update on the development of the Arts and Heritage Administration minor proposal. Members of the committee indicated that they would meet soon to complete the proposal. M. Aakhus also asked R. Priest to join the committee so that Anthropology courses could be included within the minor.

V. Open Items from Chairs

M. Aakhus thanked chairs who had submitted nominations for the reflections speaker and reported that he will be interviewing them this week and that the speaker will be selected early next week.

J. deJong announced that Art intends to separate its current Art minor into two separate minors, one with a Graphic Design emphasis and the other with a Studio Art emphasis.

No new courses will be required for either new minor. M. Aakhus advised her to submit this for consideration at the next meeting of the Academic Planning Council.

S. Spencer reminded chairs of the workshop that will be held on Wednesday October 17 concerning the core curriculum petition process; updates on the statewide general education core will also be provided. Also he noted that the Full Professor Promotion Task Force will hold a session for Associate Professors on October 22 in the LA Conference Room, 12:00-1:00 p.m. K. Waters and J. Williams will coordinate the session.

R. Priest asked if future open enrollment for benefits fairs could possibly be scheduled on a day that does not fall within the pre-registration period. She also announced that the SAC Department will offer several (SOC 121, SOC 225, CRIM 244) eight-week hybrid courses in spring 2013 in an attempt to help students progress through their programs more quickly.

J. Hardgrave reported that the social sciences session at the Southern Hospitality Day on October 13 was well attended. W. Rinks, on the other hand, noted that only two perspective students attended the Communications session, but that many students visited the Communications table at the Exploring Majors Fair last week. MT Hallock Morris inquired if a request could be made to move the Exploring Majors Fair so that it does not fall on the first day after Fall Break.

VI. Announcements

R. Priest announced that the annual SAC Club's Field Day will take place on Friday October 19 at 3:00 p.m. in the Quad.

I. Phillips reported that Lane Simpson, tribal representative of the Crow Nation, Montana, will speak about social justice and cultural diversity on Thursday 18 October in ED 1101, 3:00-5:00 p.m. She also encouraged chairs to attend M. Dyson's presentation on Friday October 26 at noon.

MT Hallock Morris noted that early voting in Indiana has begun and she will redistribute via email the list of voting centers. She also reminded chairs that the MPA program will host a public debate on the Reorganization question in Carter Hall, Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.

J. deJong announced that visiting artist Alan Wadzinski will conduct a workshop in TC 112, from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. on Thursday October 18 and he will deliver a lecture on the same day in Kleymeyer Hall at 6:00 p.m.

E. Wasserman announced that the Repertory Project opens next week with *Death of a Salesman* on Tuesday October 23 and *The Matchmaker* on Wednesday October 24. Both show begin at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.

