

Liberal Arts Council
October 30, 2012

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

Guest: S. Zehr and D. Craig

Absent: J. Hardgrave and B. Christie

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 23, 2012 were approved unanimously.

II. MALS Program Updates

S. Zehr provided chairs an update on his plans for development of the MALS program as well as his needs to implement these. He would like to increase the number of 600-level courses for students within the program and he hopes to develop a thematic structure among the elective offerings. In short, he hopes to grow the program slowly and steadily while increasing the program's rigor. To implement these plans, he needs a commitment from all departments to make available faculty on a regular basis so that one course per year can be offered from each department. He also requested assistance with recruiting good undergraduate students for the program.

III. Three Music Minors

D. Craig informed chairs that the Academic Planning Council granted initial approval of the petitions for the three new music minors on October 29, 2012. He presented the petitions to the Liberal Arts Council and requested its approval of the General Music, Applied Vocal Music Performance, and Applied Vocal Music Education minors. All three petitions were approved unanimously.

IV. Art Minors

J. deJong described the proposed modification of the existing Art minor to a Studio Art minor and the creation of a new Graphic Design minor. Both petitions received initial approval of the Academic Planning Council on October 29, 2012 and she requested their approval from the Liberal Arts Council. Both petitions were approved unanimously.

V. Criminal Justice Studies Modifications

R. Priest presented two program modifications: one to the Criminal Justice Studies major and the other to the Criminal Justice Studies minor. Both program modifications were approved unanimously.

VI. Open Items from Chairs

R. Priest, who is a member of the Program Approval Process Committee, requested that chairs forward to her any documents they may have associated with the initial approval of majors from the Academic Programming Council.

VII. Announcements

S. Spencer announced that the new issue of *Southern Indiana Review* has been released.

M. Dixon reported that the College of Liberal Arts has been given approval to implement a Scholar in Residence program as its contract rotating position. He will distribute a draft of the proposal to chairs and it will be discussed at the meeting on November 20, 2012.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m.