

Liberal Arts Council
January 29, 2013

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

The meeting began at 9:02 a.m.

I. Budget Presentations

Communications. W. Rinks presented the department's first priority request for a tenure-track assistant professor of Digital Communication.

English. S. Spencer presented the department's first priority request for a one-year renewable contract instructor in English.

Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Studies. R. Priest presented the department's first priority request for a tenure-track assistant professor of Physical Anthropology.

II. Open Items from Chairs

S. Spencer reported that, according to T. Sinn, the scheduled Bulletin revisions will probably occur later than expected as issues concerning the inclusion of the new core curriculum within it are clarified. Several members commented that the move to an electronic bulletin might resolve some concerns.

MT Hallock Morris will distribute an email today containing Senate Bill 180 and a request from the Faculty Senate for input regarding its implications and what USI's response should be.

III. Announcements

M. Aakhus addressed questions about the policy for students seeking to add a course after the end of the first week of classes. Currently, only the signatures of the instructor and the student's advisor are required. Previously the Dean's signature was required so that an instructor or a chair would not be pressured into allowing a student to add a course after the first week. It was decided that a chair's signature should be required and chairs may defer the request to the Dean's office in unusual circumstances.

M. Aakhus also requested that chairs nominate students to deliver the reflections speech at the spring commencement exercises.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:00 a.m.