

Liberal Arts Council
February 12, 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, I. Phillips, E. Wasserman, C. York, B. Christie, and P. Moore

The meeting began at 9:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of 22 January, 29 January, and 5 February 2013 were approved unanimously.

II. Budget Presentations: Collaborative Projects

M. Aakhus discussed some of the collaborative projects that the College of Liberal Arts has proposed, including Gerontology, MPA/MSW, and Graphic Design/Communication.

M. Dixon provided an update on the Arts and Heritage Administration minor. He indicated that the petitions are nearly complete and that he plans to introduce these to the Liberal Arts Council at the February 26, 2013 meeting for approval.

W. Rinks and J. deJong presented a collaborative, 18-hour minor in Digital Video. This project will require two additional faculty, one each from Communications and Art.

S. Rode discussed the MA in Second Language Acquisition, Culture Studies, and Language Policy to promote the teaching of a second language. It will include a certificate program. The proposal is collaborative between the Department of Modern and Classical Languages, Teacher Education, and the Intensive English program.

R. Gennaro will provide a written proposal that addresses Cognitive Science.

MT Hallock Morris discussed additional funding requests for the Pre-Law program as well as collaborative projects with Criminal Justice Studies and Psychology.

S. Spencer presented the request to fund permanently the River Bend Writing Project. The proposal represents collaboration between the English Department, local schools, and the Office of Outreach and Engagement.

I. Phillips described collaborative projects between Social Work and Harrison H.S. as well as the Shepherd Academy. She also asked M. Aakhus to clarify what the limitations of collaboration are. He stated that collaborative projects could be either within the University or with the community. He encouraged her to consider Social Work's collaborative efforts with Little Big Horn College and the Crow Nation as well as the BSW program at Vincennes University, Jasper campus in her proposal.

J. Hardgrave discussed the development of a Certificate Program in Public History, for which some courses exist already. This proposal also will contribute to the proposed Arts and Heritage Administration minor.

J. deJong presented a request for a Digital 3D and Rapid Fabrication Lab to complement the request submitted previously for an Assistant Professor of Digital Media. The lab request is collaborative with disciplines such as Engineering.

R. Priest described a proposal she has submitted for the Criminal Justice Studies program to become a premier program and to offer also a M.A. The previously submitted request for an Assistant Professor of Physical Anthropology would help move the program in a direction to add forensics to the program. The proposal also calls for additional space for an expanded Anthropology Lab and classroom that would be integrated.

J. Evey described a request for a joint position in Psychology and the Counseling Center.

III. Budget Request Forms/Process Updates

M. Aakhus offered an update on the presentation of budget requests. He will present to the Provost's Council on February 19, 2013 the College of Liberal Arts' top requests in addition to its collaborative project requests. Please submit to him even a paragraph describing the project by the end of this week. There will be time to expand upon these prior to the March 4th budget presentation, which he encouraged all chairs to attend. The ranking of the college's budget requests have been tabulated and will be distributed later today.

IV. Bulletin Edits

The Registrar's Office has extended our deadline to submit Bulletin edits until February 22. A. Fortune and K. Oeth will coordinate the editing process for the college. Please submit to them final edits by Friday, February 15, 2013.

V. Open Items from Chairs

W. Rinks requested an update on the Liberal Arts Advising Center, specifically the room(s) in which it will be located. M. Aakhus reported that it may be located on the second floor of the Liberal Arts building. He has a meeting concerning this on February 13 and will know more after that.

VI. Announcements

I. Phillips will distribute an email soon requesting volunteers who are interested in working on the Center for Disability Studies.

S. Rode announced that the Department of Modern and Classical Languages will host a Chinese New Year Celebration on February 7. The event will take place in Carter Hall from

E. Wasserman announced that *Twilight: Los Angeles 1992* will open on February 22 with additional performances on February 23, 24, 26, 27, 28 and March 1 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:26 a.m.