

Liberal Arts Council
February 26, 2013

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

The meeting began at 9:05 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of 12 February were approved unanimously.

II. Update on Budget Presentation

M. Aakhus stated that he would have the college's budget presentation distributed to chairs by February 27. It includes the collaborative projects, the departmental first priority requests, and large, one-time requests. He indicated that we shall try to fund smaller one-time requests with end of the year funds. The public budget presentation, which includes the four academic colleges and Outreach and Engagement, will take place on Monday March 4, 8:30-10:30 in UC East 2019-2020.

III. Petitions

S. Spencer presented a petition to modify English 491: The Writer at Work. The petition was approved unanimously.

M. Dixon introduced the new program petition for a minor in Arts and Heritage Administration (AHA), as well as two new course petitions: AHA 301: Advanced Studies in Arts and Heritage Administration and AHA 499: Internship/Intensive Study in Arts and Heritage Administration. All three petitions were approved unanimously.

J. deJong presented a new course petition for Art History 390: Select Topics in Art History. The petition was approved unanimously.

IV. Open Items from Chairs

MT Hallock Morris provided an update on the nomination process for Faculty Senate and its standing committees.

S. Spencer inquired about the announcement of sabbatical awards, as this affects chairs' ability to schedule fall 2013 courses. M. Aakhus hopes to have this information soon.

S. Spencer also offered information pertaining to the upcoming visits of the three candidates for the position of director of International Studies/Center for Interdisciplinary Studies.

V. Announcements

W. Rinks announced that the Social Media Symposium IV will take place on Thursday February 28 and feature the live tweeting of a kidney transplant. He also noted that the 21st High School Media Day will be on Friday March 1, 2013.

S. Spencer reported that Chad Simpson will read from his fiction as part of the RopeWalk Visiting Writers Reading Series on Thursday February 28, 5:00-6:16 in UC East, Traditions Lounge.

M. Aakhus announced that *Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992* will run through March 1, and that *Avenue Q* opens on April 12, 2013.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m.