

Liberal Arts Council Meeting
October 4, 2011

Present: M. Aakhus, R. Priest, M. Dixon, K. Waters, E. Wasserman, T. Bordelon, R. Gennaro, J. Evey, S. Spencer, S. Rode, T. Hunt, MT HallockMorris, W. Rinks, I. Phillips, C. York, B. Christie.

I. Approval of Minutes

W. Rinks moved to approve the minutes from September 20. S. Spencer seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

II. Student Disclosure Form

M. Dixon presented a draft of a new student disclosure form for use within the College of Liberal Arts. This document was created using language from disclosure statements from Student Affairs and the Registrar's Office. T. Hunt suggested that this form should be discussed university-wide. S. Spencer recommended other units on campus outside Academic Affairs, such as Student Housing and the Counseling Center also should be included. According to M. Aakhus, discussion of creating a university policy is one for the deans' council. A recommendation was made by W. Rinks to use the draft form with some changes. M. Dixon will make the requested changes and distribute the form to members of the LAC.

T. Hunt moved to approve the draft with recommended revisions. W. Rinks seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

III. Open Items from the Chairs

**MT HallockMorris presented a new course petition for POLS 464, Environmental Politics and Policy. The course (previously taught as POLS 364, Environmental Politics) will be offered as a joint 400/500 level one for the MPA program (PA 564 has already been approved by the graduate council). W. Rinks moved to approve and R. Priest seconded the motion. T. Hunt expressed concern about using the term "writing intensive" within the proposal. W. Rinks called the question and the new course petition was approved.

**T. Hunt reported History's new course petitions and program modifications sent to the provost's office for approval have not been posted in University Notes. There is no information on the Academic Affairs website indicating approval or signature by the provost. She also raised the possibility of creating tracks within specific disciplines for the MALS degree.

** M. Aakhus reported that the provost has asked for recommendations regarding the MALS program. The dean will bring the proposal before the LAC before it is sent to the provost. He also added that the deans' council has met monthly with the provost. The deans still meet every week for retreats that target different areas. These have focused on the integration of Student Affairs and Academic Affairs.

**T. Hunt will introduce a plan next week for the creation of academic advising centers in each college.

**M. Aakhus asked for progress reports on the proposed Arts & Heritage Administration major and the Anthropology major. R. Priest requested that the Anthropology proposal be added to the agenda of the October 18th LAC meeting.

**MT HallockMorris asked when the second-year reviews for faculty were due. M. Aakhus requested they be sent to him as soon as possible.

**W. Rinks inquired when chair evaluations would be administered this year. The procedure and timeline for chair evaluations will be reviewed at a future meeting of the LAC.

**T. Hunt raised the subject of independent study courses. Rather than create a college policy, M. Aakhus suggested that these issues be worked out between chairs and faculty members.

Announcements

** The Department of Modern and Classical Languages will host the following events:

Columbus Day Concert Salsa Rhythms, October 18th, 4:30, Carter Hall.

Bridge Markland's Faust in the Box is a one-woman performance that juxtaposes well-known quotations from the most renowned of German dramas with the likes of The Rolling Stones, Rammstein, Robbie Williams, Metallica, Pink Floyd, Elvis, Madonna, Led Zeppelin, Depeche Mode, Placebo, and many other music artists. October 24th, 6:00 pm, Mitchell Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 a.m.