

**LAC Minutes**  
**January 17, 2012**

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

**I. Minutes**

The meeting minutes from November 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup> and from December 6<sup>th</sup>, were reviewed and approved.

**II. Chair Evaluation Form Revision – T. Bordelon**

A committee is being formed to revise the chair evaluation criteria by the end of the Fall 2012 semester. T. Hunt and I. Phillips have already agreed to serve on the committee. One additional member is still needed. T. Bordelon asked that the names of nominees be emailed to him as soon as possible. This new form would go into effect in Spring 2013.

**III. Open Items from Chairs**

J. Evey asked if a replacement for Michael Kearns, who has stepped down as advisor for *Amalgam*, has been identified. There has been one nomination, an announcement on his replacement will be made soon.

W. Rinks commented upon the low response rate on online student evaluations of teaching. He asked if the Dean's Office might look into the use of paper evaluations to increase the student response rate. A lot of faculty members, including the department chairs, have serious concerns regarding student evaluations of faculty. Most council members agreed that response numbers to online evaluations are down. S. Spencer added that required courses for freshmen receive exceptionally poor evaluations. W. Rinks feels that students perceive the evaluation process as a waste of time if none of their complaints and/or comments for improvements get results. R. Priest suggested adding midterm evaluations for student feedback. S. Spencer agreed, adding that having midterm and final evaluations would be even better. Council members feel that the current evaluation process needs changes to make it more effective. T. Bordelon offered to meet with K. Draughton to discuss the possible use of paper evaluations and other strategies to increase the student response rate.

**IV. Announcements**

Honors Day profile sheets have been distributed and the information should be entered electronically. B. Christie will verify the information on the profile sheets.

Chairs were reminded that FARs are due to the Dean's Office

K. Waters announced that U.S. History, Volumes I and II: A Print Exhibition opens today (January 17, 2012) in the McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries.

E. Wasserman announced that actress Nora Cole will present "Voices of the Spirits of my Soul" tonight (January 17, 2012) at 7:00 p.m. in the Mallette Studio Theatre.

J. Evey announced that the Counseling Center would like to visit department meetings; she requested that departments to arrange these visits. She also announced that Kelley Harmon (with Webber, E.S., Beckwith, T.J. Peña, S., Burgdorf, J. Panksepp, J., Cromwell, H.C.), Instructor in Psychology, had the paper "Selective breeding for 50 kHz ultrasonic vocalization emission produces and regulation of rough-and-tumble play." *Behavioural Brain Research*. DOI: 10.1016/j.bbr.2012.01.012. accepted for publication.

**V. Adjournment**

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