

**Liberal Arts Council Meeting
March 20, 2012**

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

I. Minutes

The LAC minutes of 17 January and 24 January were approved as emended.

II. History Petitions – T. Hunt

T. Hunt presented the following petitions to the LAC.

HIST 323: Introduction to Archival Practices. Currently AHA 251 is a prerequisite, but this course does not yet exist. T. Hunt requests that CIS 151 replace AHA 251 as the prerequisite for HIST 323. The petition was approved.

HIST 298: Historical Methods. Too many non-majors are taking this course, and not performing well in it. T. Hunt requests that the registration for the course be limited to History majors and minors only, and that consent of the instructor be retained. The petition was approved.

HIST 261, 262, and 263. The descriptions have been modified to reflect the content emphasized within these courses. Additionally, T. Hunt requests that registration for these courses be limited to History majors and minors, and that the other prerequisites remain one 100-level History course, ENG 201, or consent of the instructor. The petition was approved.

Deletion of SSCT Major. Changes in licensure for teachers of social studies at the secondary-level have necessitated the deletion of the SSCT major. Students seeking licensure to teach social studies at the secondary level must now complete a disciplinary major and an education minor. The petition was approved, pending the signatures from the other departments that contribute to the current SSCT degree.

History Major Program Modification. T. Hunt proposed the creation of a teaching concentration within the History Major. Students completing this concentration with an education minor will be licensed to teach grades 5-12. The petition was endorsed.

Discussion followed as to whether or not a proposed concentration or emphasis within an existing major program must be taken before the Curriculum Committee. Following extensive deliberation, T. Hunt decided to present the History Program Modification to the Curriculum Committee.

III. Proposed Core Curriculum

R. Priest expressed concern about the amount of time faculty will have to provide feedback on the Core Curriculum Proposal that has been presented to the Faculty Senate. R. Gennaro also expressed concerns about the timeline for providing feedback, especially since the goals and outcomes are included within the current proposal. He indicated that the timeline for implementation of the Proposed Core Curriculum is a concern. Additionally, R. Priest raised questions about compensation for the teaching of a thirteenth hour; R. Gennaro also voiced concerns about the definitions for the Global and Diversity requirements.

IV. Honors Day

B. Christie will distribute today the Honors Day Program, which needs to be returned to the USI Foundation. W. Rinks inquired about the format of the ceremony; this will be

discussed at the LAC meeting on March 27. M. Aakhus announced that academic regalia must be worn, but that caps are optional.

V. Open Items from Chairs

Questions were asked concerning the budget requests chairs may make for faculty lines beginning in the 2013-2014 academic year. M. Aakhus would like each chair to present a rationale for the positions requested. A rationale should be drafted also to replace any positions vacated through retirement or departure.

VI. Announcements

J. Evey announced that Dr. Amie McKibban was recognized at Leadership Evansville's 17th annual Celebration of Leadership awards. She was awarded the Willie Effie Thomas Award – awarded to an individual who has successfully implemented diversity education and communication in an organization, business, or the community.

W. Rinks reported that the 20th annual High School Media Day, held on March 16 was successful.

R. Gennaro announced that Jessica Jones, the 2011-2012 College of Liberal Arts Alumni-in-Residence speaker, will make present "Philosophy outside Academia" on Wednesday March 21 in Kleymer Hall at 4:30 p.m.

T. Hunt reminded the LAC that D. Pitzer will present "New Harmony: Then and Now" in Kleymer Hall today (March 20) at 2:00 p.m. He will be in the Center for Communal Studies afterwards at 3:00 to sign copies of his book.

K. Waters announced that the 42nd annual Student Art Show Juror John Begley, Director of the Hite Institute Galleries at the University of Louisville, will deliver a presentation on Thursday March 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the McCutchan Art Center/Pace Galleries. She also announced that three art students (one current, two alumni) were invited to paint during the Evansville Philharmonic performance on Saturday March 17.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.