

Liberal Arts Council Meeting September 21, 2010

Present: M. Aakhus, R. Priest, S. Spencer, J. deJong, E. Wasserman, R. Gennaro, S. Rode, J. Evey, M.T. Hallock Morris, P. Aakhus, T. Hunt, W. Rinks, and B. Christie.

I. **Minutes from Fall Retreat** – approved as amended.

II. **Spring Student Evaluation Summaries**

Spring 2010 student evaluation of teaching summaries by department were given to each Chair and Director and briefly discussed.

III. **Student Workers**

The LAC was reminded that all departments should hire federally-funded work study students when possible.

IV. **Dean's Student Advisory Council**

The Executive Council meets with this group the first Wednesday of each month from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m. in the LA Conference Room. Lunch is provided. Department Chairs are also invited to attend to share student input.

V. **Adult Learning Survey**

The Adult Learning Program gives credit for experiential learning from past jobs and experiences. The first meeting is September 29th. S. Rode volunteered to be the representative for LA and will report back to the council.

V. **Core Curriculum**

LA should be proactive with adjustments to the core. Many programs were discussed including the Writing Across the Curriculum initiative. A subcommittee was formed to discuss Core issues. W. Rinks will convene this group. Information will be posted on the LAC Blackboard site.

Around the Table

Modern & Classical Languages - The Department of Modern and Classical Languages is hosting a *Language and Culture Fair*, September 28th, from 11-1 pm in the University Quad.

September 10, 2010, the *Evansville Courier & Press* featured an article on EDUCA. Twenty-five EDUCA volunteers are USI students majoring in languages.

The Department of Modern and Classical Languages and the USI's Nutrition Club received a \$1,620.00 grant from the Southwest Indiana Area Health Education Center to teach cultural diversity/sensitivity through food. This semester the department and nutrition club will feature *A Spread of German Flavor*. Lectures and cooking lessons will be held October 20th and November 10th.

Performing Arts- Contract Assistant Professor, E. Altheide, traveled to Indianapolis at the invitation of Warren Central High School to evaluate Theatre students at their annual college showcase on September 16, 2010.