

Liberal Arts Council Meeting
October 5, 2010

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

- I. **Minutes from September 7th and September 21st** Minutes were approved as amended.
- II. **Program Modifications for Political Science**
All changes were approved after some discussion. POLS 499 will now be the senior seminar, courses no longer being taught are being removed, and titles and descriptions will be changed for clarity.
- III. **Paperless Initiative**
Dana Willett's office is willing to offer small group training on an as needed basis. D. Willett will be invited to a future meeting to discuss what they can offer.
- IV. **Academic Planning Council**
The next meeting of this council is scheduled for October 25th in UC 206 at 1:00 p.m. The English department will present a proposal for approval to investigate a graduate program in English. Updates will also be provided for the Arts and Heritage Administration major and the Anthropology major.
- V. **New Business**
T. Hunt has created a list of guidelines for new course proposals and course modifications. Suggestions were discussed and an updated guideline will be provided and posted on the LA site. B. Posler is looking for new software that will allow the process to be done electronically.
- VI. **Announcements from Council Members**
Political Science and Public Administration – Political Science will host the 2010 Community of Scholars lecture on October 13, 2010. The featured speaker is Dr. Jan Younger speaking on "Political Humor: A Significant Part of Lincoln's Greatness". The event is in Mitchell Auditorium and begins at 7:00 p.m.

Art – The Art Department is hosting the 2010 Berger Lecture on October 14, 2010, in Carter Hall beginning at 7:30 p.m. Justice Marilyn Skoglund of the Vermont State Supreme Court will speak on *The First Amendment and Public Art*. A reception will follow the lecture.

Performing Arts – The first USI Theatre production, "How I Learned to Drive", will premiere on Thursday, 7:30 p.m. in the Mallette Theatre.

Interdisciplinary Studies - The 2010 Liberal Arts Colloquium, "Masks", will take place on Thursday, October 7th, in Carter Hall. The event starts at 9:00 a.m. followed by a reception at 3:00 p.m.

History - A. King presented an invited paper at a conference on "Perspectives on the Liao" hosted by the Council on East Asian Studies at Yale University on September 30.

The Center for Communal Studies hosted the 35th Annual Conference of the Communal Studies Association. A reception sponsored by John Lawrence ('73) took place in the Grand Reading Room of the Rice Library on Thursday September 30. Faculty, staff, and graduates of USI who presented papers:

C. Weinzapfel (Historic New Harmony), J. Greene (Rice Library), B. Christie (College of Liberal Arts), M. Strezewski (Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Studies), J. Orem (History, '10), D. Pitzer (Emeritus, History and the Center for Communal Studies).

Modern and Classical Languages - The Department of Modern and Classical Languages will host the annual Columbus Day concert October 12, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in Carter Hall. The event features the Brazilian band *Ipanema*.