

Liberal Arts Council Meeting
February 8, 2011

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

I. There were no minutes to review from the last meeting.

II. **History Program Changes**

Dr. Dixon gave a recap of the planned changes for the curriculum and presented new course petitions for approval that will replace specific lower-level history courses:

HIST 261- Early World History to 1300 – Approved

HIST 262 – Early Modern World History, 1300-1700 – Approved

HIST 263 – Modern World History, 1700–Present – Approved

HIST 323 – Introduction to Archival Practices – Approved pending approval of AHA 251

HIST 375 – The Middle East from the Rise of Islam to 1500 – Approved
(replaces HIST 271)

HIST 377 – History of Iran (Currently taught as a “Topics” class) – Approved

HIST 384 – History of Africa (replaces HIST 285) – Approved

HIST 393 – History of China – Approved

HIST 405 – The Modern Civil Rights Movement – Approved

HIST 435 – Revolutionary Movements in Latin American History – has been a
Topics course – Approved with change to prereq of HIST 112 or 263

Dr. Dixon plans to present HIST 394 for approval at the next meeting.

III. **New Indiana State Requirements for High School Placement Testing**

There is a new proposal from the state regarding acceptance of credit for AP courses. A lively discussion ensued.

S. Spencer recommended getting data for retention and graduation rates and gpa levels to determine the effectiveness of testing credit.

IV. **Announcements**

Political Science and Public Administration - O. Armeanu, Assistant Professor of Political Science, recently published a book entitled *The Politics of Pension Reform in Central and Eastern Europe: Political Parties, Coalitions, and Politics* with Palgrave-Macmillan.

Dean’s Office, C. York - FARS are due next Monday, Feb. 14th.