

Liberal Arts Council Meeting
March 22, 2011

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

I. Minutes

Minutes from February 15th and 22nd were approved.

II. Course Petitions for new major in Anthropology

R. Priest reported the proposal for the new major in anthropology has been completed and will be reviewed by the faculty in the fall. The current 200-level courses are being changed to 300-level to reflect the standard curriculum for an anthropology major. There will be new anthropology 200 courses to fill the gap left by the approved modifications. These courses are more general in content and will be part of the core curriculum. The department has recently hired a new faculty member with specialization in cultural anthropology. Culture courses have also been moved from 200- to 300 level by changing the pre-requisites, using the same rationale. After some discussion the changes were approved for all courses, including ANTH 345 "Prehistory of Europe".

Sample advising forms were also shared by R. Priest .

III. Matching Chairs' Reporting Form / FARs Dates

Questions were raised about differences between the Chairs' reporting form and the FARs. Dates will remain the same for now: FARs are on the calendar year, Chairs' Reports on the academic year.

IV. Announcements

Dean's Office : The "Getting to Know USI" event at Ivy Tech is tomorrow. J. Evey will be there with a table for information to be distributed. If your department has flyers or information to share, get it to her today.

Communications: It was announced last week that both WSWI and SETV12 received honors at the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters Competition. WSWI scored THREE FIRST PLACE awards and TWO THIRD PLACE award at the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters Competition:

Radio Copywriting - **First Place: Robyn Scott**
Radio Newscast - **First Place: Lauren Hayes**
Radio Spot Production - **First Place: Mick Joest**

Radio News Report -**Third Place: Lauren Hayes**
Radio Sportscast - **Third Place: Mitch Mullis**

SETV12 won TWO SECOND PLACE awards in the television competition:

Television Newscast: **“Access USI”**

Television Non-news Program: **“The All-Night Starring Gavin Eddings”**

Psychology: April 14 is the national Day of Silence, <http://www.dayofsilence.org/>; we will recognize this in front of Liberal Arts from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. HEAR and Spectrum along with A. McKibban from Psychology and S. Young from Communications will discuss bullying and the discrimination that the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender (GLBT) community face even after the days of elementary, middle and high school. They will present *Breaking the Silence* on April 14, 6:30 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium.

On April 15, the film *Bullied* will be shown at 3 p.m. in Forum 1. *Bullied* is a documentary that chronicles one student's ordeal at the hands of anti-gay bullies and offers an inspiring message of hope to those fighting harassment today. A. McKibban and students Jeff Appel, Stephanie Cunningham, Jazmyn, and Michael Masters will be on the panel after the film.

Community Safe Zone training is April 29th, from 12:30-4:00 at the Central Library. It is funded by the Vanderburgh Council on Substance Abuse.