

Liberal Arts Council Meeting
April 26, 2011

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

Guests: P. Shaw (for S. Spencer).

I. Minutes

There were no minutes for review and approval.

II. Theatre Proposals – Wasserman

Motions were made by W. Rinks to approve THTR 226, 326 and 360, and motions seconded by MT Hallock Morris. After discussing the course proposals and making suggestions, the council approved all three courses. R. Broadfoot will teach THTR 226 and 326 and D. Laska-Lewis will teach 360. These courses will be offered in Fall of 2012.

III. LA Third Floor Moves

English department faculty members with offices in the LAC will begin moving to the Orr Center on May 11. Physical Plant will be assisting with moving the offices and cleaning and preparing rooms in Liberal Arts as they are vacated. Moves within the LAC will begin as office space becomes available. Desks will remain in each room.

IV. Summer Questions/Issues

M. Aakhus announced that the chairs' retreat most likely will be scheduled for the Thursday in August before campus meetings begin. The chairs' council will review the existing strategic plan for LA and making revisions to meet compliance with the university's strategic plan. A copy of the current LA plan will be emailed to chairs and directors.

M. Aakhus will also forward the new form for summer contracts to chairs and directors. Summer contracts for adjunct faculty are not ready yet.

W. Rinks discussed updating the online information about LA honors recipients on the website with J. Medcraft.

Many council members took the opportunity to present and discuss concerns regarding the presentation and approval for program modifications. Since many of the modifications are with courses shared by different departments, the department chairs are asking for notification when their program modifications go forward for approval. There have been instances of LA classes dropped from proposed programs before going to the state for review.

Minutes from the meetings of April 5, April, 12, and April 26 will be approved via e-mail.