

College of Liberal Arts Council Meeting October 6, 2009

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

I. Minutes from September 22, 2009 – The minutes were reviewed and approved as amended.

II. Indiana Career Connect Checklist

The Dean went over the list of degree programs to ensure its accuracy. This information is for the new formula funding.

III. Class Scheduling

The calendar from the registrar's office was reviewed. Classroom space is and will continue to be a concern. Departments who have ownership of specific rooms are utilizing their space as efficiently as possible. Challenges include needed technology, faculty members with physical disabilities, those who want to teach classes back-to-back, and those who can only teach at certain times.

Chairs and directors were strongly encouraged to start planning the schedule early. Classes are to be scheduled according to students' needs and those of the departments. Faculty members are responsible for being available to teach at all appointed hours, Monday through Friday. R. Priest requested that Mitchell Auditorium be made more available for large classes, since Forum I is the only other room on campus with the capacity for 300 seats.

Another related issue is the book-ordering process through the campus bookstore. There are many issues, such as the request for book orders before the schedule is finalized, shrink-wrapped book sets that cannot be returned, books ordered early but not on the shelf for students to buy for class, and not getting the book as it was ordered. The bookstore also has difficulties with some book publishers and suppliers.

IV. Deans' Meeting Updates

USI Administration is asking for volunteers to park in the old Wal-mart lot and ride the bus to campus next Thursday for the presidential inauguration. Three hundred parking spaces are being reserved in Lot C for dignitaries. Shuttle buses will run from the old Wal-mart every 15 minutes from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Coffee and donuts will be served in the parking lot that morning. Those who wish to ride the bus should fill out the online form.

Some temporary changes have been proposed for Orientation in Spring 2010. The usual Orientation schedule has 3 dates in March and April with 250 students scheduled for each date. For this year only, the plan is to have 6 dates with 125 students due to space issues for the break out sessions. The first sessions would be Thursday and Friday, March 25th and 26th, with an alternate date of March 29th; the second sessions would be on Friday, April 16th, Thursday, April 22nd, Friday, April 23rd, and Tuesday, April 27th, with April 26th as the alternate. Chairs agreed that orientation should NOT be scheduled on April 16th, which is

also priority registration. The Dean asked that all council members send him feedback for him to make a report on October 19th.

Dean's announcements

*Transfer students may now register after orientation; all students should be encouraged to register during priority times.

*There will no longer be campus housing available for faculty; however, there are a few houses owned by the University on Mahrenholz Avenue that will have short-term leases.

*A few probable cases of H1N1 have been reported on campus including one LA faculty member. The nasal spray vaccine will be available this week.

*Email hockey news will be sent by list serve only to those who want to receive it.

Around the Table

English –

Craig Ferhman, former USI English student, passed his Ph.D. qualifying exams in English from Yale University.

Philosophy –

G. Merriam published "Nietzsche and Roland's Eternal Recurrence" in *The Dark Tower and Philosophy*, Mathew Turner (Ed.), Chicago, IL, Open Court Press (Forthcoming) and presented "Reason, Emotion & the Afterlife (or 'Why YOU Don't Believe in Heaven')" 2009 Nammour Symposium at California State University, Sacramento.

R. Gennaro – published "Animals, Consciousness, and I-Thoughts," in *Philosophy of Animal Minds*, Robert Lurz (ed.), Cambridge University Press, 2009, pp. 184-200.

Art –

R. Millard-Mendez has work in ArtLink, a national juried show, entitled "Lots of Little Art" through October 30. He also has work in HWD 2009, a juried regional show in which he won an Award of Excellence.

V. Poston judged the Owensboro Art Guild's 44th Annual Juried Exhibit at Kentucky Wesleyan College.

M. Aakhus, C. Armstrong, E. Braysmith, Jane Case Vickers and USI art graduates Anne Dowhie, Jonathan Walker, David Rigdon, and Laura Walker have work in the Print Invitational 2009 from October 10-November 15 at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art.

USI Student Art Club members are selling corn this week at the West Side Nut Club Fall Festival to raise funds for a student trip to visit art galleries, art museums, and a major art expo in Chicago. Art Club advisors are C. Armstrong, R. Millard-Mendez, S. Bielski, and A. Kosten.

History –

D. Lynn presented a paper at the Association for the Study of African-American Life and Culture Conference in Cincinnati, Ohio at the end of September.

In mid-September, **T. Rodgers** presented a paper at the Civil War Study Group at Ball State University.

A dozen students from the History Club and Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society,

travelled to Nashville October 3 to visit the Tennessee State Museum, the Parthenon replica, and other historic sites.

T. Hunt recently gave a presentation on the nature and importance of history at the Historic Newburgh Kiwanis Club.

Communications –

S. Young, Assistant Professor of Communication Studies, will present a paper next week at the annual meeting of the Organization for the Study of Communication, Language, and Gender in Los Angeles, "Teaching between the lines: An autoethnography on pedagogy and (inter)racial dialogue."

The **Evansville Courier & Press** ran a story Sept. 29 about the campus newspaper at U of E converting to a magazine format and **The Shield** at USI maintaining its weekly publication of a newspaper.

International Studies –

The Islands Colloquium will be this Thursday, October 8th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Carter Hall. The schedule includes Liberal Arts faculty presentations that cover a wide range of subjects related to "islands". A reception follows with refreshments and Irish Traditional Music provided by D. Craig and friends. <http://www.usi.edu/libarts/intl/islands.asp>

Performing Arts –

Jeni Ahlfeld, USI graduate, is now in New York City as part of a company called the Queens Players presenting both Shakespeare and original productions. This growing showcase company has a small 50 seat house but is completing work on a new theatre space that will seat about 150. Jeni began her affiliation with the theatre troupe by offering her help as a costume stitcher and scenepainter, but she has quickly demonstrated a host of talent, becoming one of their principal actors and costume designers. Jeni just finished playing the Dauphin in HENRY THE FIFTH and has been cast as Puck in A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM, a role she played here at USI four years ago.