

Liberal Arts Council Meeting

November 24, 2009

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

Absent: M. Aakhus.

I. No minutes available for approval

II. Process for Handling Curriculum Proposals for Modern & Classical Languages

With the department undertaking a total reorganization and updating of the curriculum for all languages and additional new languages, Chinese and Arabic, S. Rode gave an overview of the changes being planned to standardize the curriculum in an effort to bring the department into compliance with the ACTOFL. The LA Curriculum Committee, E. Wasserman, R. Gennaro, and M.T. Hallock Morris have reviewed all of the proposals and suggestions have already been incorporated. It was agreed that the Council will review the Spanish courses/changes for the next Council meeting.

III. AA Appreciation Luncheon

Potential days were discussed to have the luncheon after the holiday break again. A. Torres will talk with the AAs regarding place and time/day.

IV. Major Field Test and Assessment Day/ MAPP Survey

Major Field Tests are no longer a part of Assessment Day in the fall semester. LA departments discussed three options for administering the tests in the future. The first would be an additional day in the spring semester that would include the MFT or any other type of assessment test. Second is to give the MFT in a capstone or other required major course, although it will require two class sessions to complete the test. The third option is to have the MFT given by arrangement, assisted by Kat Draughon's office.

V. Summer Calendar Options

Two proposals for the summer calendar are currently under debate. The original proposal had two summer sessions of 4, 5, or 6 weeks. The revised proposal has one session of 4, 5, or 6 weeks, and a second session of 5, 6, or 8 weeks. After discussion, a motion was made and passed to recommend two summer sessions of 4, 5, or 6 weeks, with an option for an 8 week session in the first summer session only. R. Priest and E. Wasserman will contact LA Faculty Senate representatives, C. Tew and T. Schroer, about the LAC proposal.

VI. Classrooms and Technology

The Dean wants to request some stimulus money to put technology in all the classrooms in LA and the OC. All agreed that this is an issue, not only for faculty members teaching in those rooms, but also for student presentations.

VII. University-Wide Scholarships

The deadline posted on the application forms for the Pamela Grubb and Kappa Delta Pi,

university-wide scholarships, is January 15th. This does not correspond to the deadlines for Liberal Arts. S. Rode agreed to contact E. Hardcastle, to whom these applications are to be submitted, about getting applications from LA majors to the Honors Awards committee as quickly as possible. LA students should be instructed to submit their applications to the LA Dean's office.

College-level awards are due to the committee by December 7th. Departmental award recipients should be forwarded to B. Christie by December 7th. Printed applications have a December 1st deadline.

Around the Table

Political Science and Public Administration – P. Raymond and B. Posler presented their paper "Representational Styles of School Board Candidates" at the annual meeting of the Northwest Political Science Association in Philadelphia, PA, on Friday, November 20, 2009.

Philosophy - The Community of Scholars Lecture by Dr. Colin Allen entitled "Moral Machines" on 11/19 went very well by all accounts. Kleymeyer was full for the presentation and some very good questions followed in the Q&A. The dinner afterwards also went well – there were 11 of us present and there was also much lively conversation.

Art - USI art students have their work featured in the Fall 2009 FishHook and in the Shield (Nov. 19).

USI art students from the ceramics classes will have the 45th Annual Sale on Dec. 1, 2, 3, 4 in the University Center Lobby.

English – N. Reid had a book-signing at Lorelei's Gallery on November 20th.