

Liberal Arts Council Meeting Minutes December 1, 2009

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

I. Minutes for Approval

The minutes for the November 17th and 22nd meetings were approved as amended.

Dean's Announcements

Human Resources is running an ad in the *Courier & Press* for adjunct faculty for Spring Semester 2010. Liberal Arts departments who want to be included in the ad are Theatre, English, and Communications.

For electronic application searches, faculty candidates who come to campus must go to Academic Affairs to sign applications before proceeding to Human Resources.

The Smoking on Campus committee met yesterday; the Dean asked that all LA faculty and students taking classes in the LAC adhere to the 30 feet policy outside entrances to the building.

There was continued discussion at the Deans' meeting about the summer schedule. LA senators were given the LAC recommendations regarding the latest version.

II. Spanish Course and Curriculum Petitions

S. Rode reviewed the plans for changes to the Spanish curriculum to bring courses up to date and in compliance with accreditation standards. Program modifications for 100 and 200 level courses in Spanish, German, and French were approved. The following courses were also approved: SPAN 205 – Cultural Context for Conversation, 303-Spanish for Heritage Speakers, 306-Advanced Spanish I, 307-Advanced Spanish II, 332-U.S. Latino Literature and Culture, 335-Spanish for the Professional, and approved with minor changes were 255-Applied Linguistics, 275-The Hispanic Film, 308-Hispanic Civilization, 333-Afro-Latin American Studies, and 344-Hispanic Literature in Translation. Course review will continue in the next meeting.

III. Administrative Assistant Appreciation Luncheon

The luncheon will take place on Tuesday, January 5th at Biaggi's.

IV. Required Course Modification Petition

THTR 251 was approved as an option for the Humanities pre-requisite.

V. Sloan C Conference on Distance Education – topic postponed for later meeting

VI. Honors Day Event Set-up

J. Evey emailed the proposed floor plan to Council members. The Council preferred the past set up for Honors Day with adjustments to be suggested by E. Wasserman to shorten the program to be discussed at a future meeting.

AROUND THE TABLE

Philosophy – M.L. Stoll presented "Do we really care? Intersectionality and the Ethics of Care" at the National Women's Studies Association national conference in Atlanta, GA entitled Difficult Dialogues held 11/18-11/22.

Psychology – Psychology Club and Psi Chi hosted an end of year event for all psychology students this past week.