

**Liberal Arts Council Meeting**  
**February 2, 2010**

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

**I. No minutes for approval**

**II. Budget Requests**

The Dean used the budget priorities from LA departments at the last meeting to prepare the budget proposal for the CLA to be presented to university administrators. Before presenting it to the LAC, he urged all departments to review the long-term tenured Assistant and Associate Professor appointments in their disciplines to determine why many have not progressed further in their professional development.

The LA budget presentation includes points of pride, funded budget requests from last year, and efficiency initiatives. Efficiency initiatives for this year to cut back on expenses include setting minimum enrollment for all LA courses at 10, faculty members with personal printers will provide their own ink cartridges, and all course materials should be provided electronically to conserve paper expenses. The Dean's office is also moving to a paperless management system.

The LA budget priorities to be presented at the University budget meeting are as follows:

- 1. Tenure-track Assistant Professor in Anthropology**
- 2. Tenure-track Assistant Professor in Art, specializing in photography**
- 3. Sprung flooring for dance studio in Tech Center to meet safety specifications**
- 4. Upgrade current part-time Administrative Assistant for Theatre Management to full-time**
- 5. Three-year renewable Instructor of English**
- 6. Three-year renewable Instructor in Music**
- 7. Graphics machine for video production**
- 8. Safety equipment for Art**
- 9. Three-year renewable Instructor in Spanish**
- 10. Tenure-track Assistant Professor in History, specializing in US History with Social Science**
- 11. Three-year renewable Instructor in Humanities**

In a discussion about the core curriculum, the Dean explained that the core should include courses that cover globalization across the curriculum.

**III. LA Space Initiatives**

The CLA Deans met last week and developed options for moving departments to the Orr Center. There are 34 offices on the third floor for LA faculty. All options will include a break room, workroom, mail room, and supply room. The proposed options were discussed. The dean will give his recommendations to the Space Committee on February 19<sup>th</sup>. The Dean will meet with LAC Chairs individually this week to discuss the options.

**IV. REPA Implications to CLA**

Council members discussed the changes being made in the state legislature regarding teacher licensing requirements for high schools and grade schools in Indiana. If the

proposal passes, LA will likely have an increase in majors and minors as well as increases in majors' needs, such as additional classes and instructors. This new program is scheduled to go into effect in Fall 2010. Modifications to the social science teaching program may have to be made and approved quickly to comply.

### **Dean's Announcements**

- Next LAC meeting on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>-curriculum issues and dropped course policy
- Thanks to all who attended the Toast to the Arts on Friday.

### **Around the Table**

#### **Political Science and Public Administration**

The Political Science Society will be moderating a foreign policy debate between the College Democrats and the College Republicans on February 23, 2010. The event will be at 7 p.m. in Kley Meyer Hall. The Political Science Society has also been busy raising money for Haitian Relief and has recently launched its new website: <http://usipss.com/>. The club's advisor is **O. Armeanu**, Assistant Professor of Political Science.

#### **Psychology**

**A. Mark** presented this past weekend at the Society for Personality and Social Psychology in Las Vegas, NV. Her paper was entitled "The Effect of a Speaker's Sex on Perceptions of Pro- and Anti-Male Sentiments: Reactions to Hostile and Benevolent Sexism Towards Men."

#### **Art**

**R. Millard-Mendez** has 2 artworks in the nationally juried show, *The Art of Food*, at the Sixth Street Gallery in Vancouver, WA.

USI art student, **John Cummings**, has a ceramic work in the nationally juried art show, *Big Fish, Small Pot IV*. His work will be shown along with many well-known ceramic artists in this exhibition in Mission Viejo, California from February 11 through March 11, 2010.

#### **Modern and Classical Languages**

Latinos Unidos Hispanic Student Organization, the Nutrition Club, and the Spanish Club are sponsoring Cooking and Culture in the Hispanic World from 3-5 p.m. in HP 0063 on the following dates: February 17th Spanish Caribbean, March 24th Spain and Spanish Morocco, April 14th A Taste of the Mexican Revolution.

"María de Zayas: A 17th Century Spanish Progressive Thinker, in her Literary Context" will be presented by Dr. Sara Colburn-Alsop, Associate Professor of Spanish, Franklin College on February 24, 2010, 7 p.m. in Kley Meyer Hall.

#### **History**

The Rice Library is hosting the traveling exhibition entitled Fighting the Fires of Hate: *America and the Nazi Book Burnings* February 10 through March 19. For more information, [http://www.usi.edu/library/Holocaust\\_Exhibit\\_2010.asp](http://www.usi.edu/library/Holocaust_Exhibit_2010.asp)