

Liberal Arts Council Meeting
February 9, 2010

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

Reminder: all LA faculty must follow the college policy for cancelling classes, <http://www.usi.edu/libarts/facultyinfo/Faculty-Absence-Policy.pdf> Administrative assistants will post cancelled classes, but are not to cover the class in any way in the absence of the instructor. Class cancellations should be posted immediately on Blackboard by the instructor.

I. Minutes for Approval

Council minutes for the January 19, 26, and 28, and February 2 were approved as amended.

II. Department of Modern and Classical Languages Course Petitions

Approved with amendments: FREN 308, GERM 308, and JPN 308 (now 255); FREN 303 and GERM 313 (now 275); FREN 325 and GERM 325; GERM 335; and FREN 389 and GERM 389 (now 344).

III. New Course Petition

CRIM 403, Violence Against Women, was approved as amended. Future petitions will be posted on a Blackboard site for feedback then hard copies will be circulated prior to the meeting at which the course is on the agenda.

IV. Academic Affairs Update

*The provost reported that the discussion on Fall Break continues.

*Next week, OPRA will send out the National Survey of Student Engagement to USI freshmen and seniors. All faculty members should encourage their students to complete the study. The last study done revealed freshmen were more engaged than upper-division students.

*The University Core Curriculum retreat was held last Friday. P. Shaw attended and presented the Writing Project.

*There will be a three week workshop in August for developing web-based courses. The CLA plan is to have some sections of all 100- and 200-level core courses online.

*Banner 8 is coming next week.

* The LA deans will meet tomorrow to prepare the proposals for a formal presentation to the Space Committee on February 19th.

Around the Table

Psychology - Pam Doerter from the Office of Career Service and Placement will present Job Search Strategies for Liberal Arts Students on Thursday, February 11 from 4:30 p.m. -5:30 p.m. in LA 1004.

Philosophy – R. Gennaro will present "The HOT Theory of Consciousness and its Neural Realization" at the University of Evansville on Wednesday, February 17 at 4 p.m. as part of their Crick Lecture Series.

Communications – M.B. Reese's Public Relations Students organized a news conference at USI last week for Lt. Governor Becky Skillman who recognized the Chrisney Library in Spencer County as the only net

zero library in the nation; it produces more energy than it uses. The Communications Department worked with the USI Center for Applied Research on telling the Chrisney Library's story. The involved students have been invited to make a presentation at the next meeting of the USI Board of Trustees.

English – Douglas Goetsch is the next guest for the RopeWalk Visiting Writers Reading Series and will present in Kley Meyer Hall on Thursday, February 11 at 6:00 p.m.

Art – Andrea Hoeslscher, adjunct instructor of Photography, has her recent photographs on exhibit at the St. Meinrad Archabbey Gallery through February 27.

USI art student Brooke Grace has her photographs on exhibit in *Embarcadero* at the Women's Institute and Gallery in New Harmony, IN through March 28.

USI Art alumni Christian Ethridge, David Rigdon, Amy Moore, and Clinton Bosler have work on the exhibit *Brave New World* at the New Harmony Gallery of Contemporary Art through February 20.]

Performing Arts – Shan Jensen just completed designing costumes for the Paltz Theatre of Jupiter, Florida. The production was *Tintypes*.

Dean's Office – An email has been sent to all LA faculty to encourage nominees for the *Bill & Helen Sands LA Professor of the Year Award*. This prestigious award includes \$1,000.