

Liberal Arts Council Meeting
February 16, 2010

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

Guests: K. Draughon and T. Brink

I. **Minutes from 2/9/10 for approval** - Minutes were approved as amended.

II. **Discussion with K. Draughon and T. Brink**

The purpose of the diversity study is to gather information to enable the University to identify areas of strengths and weaknesses. The committee will present information to the Board of Trustees in March, but the university would like to have an ongoing effort to provide updated information as it becomes available.

There was also discussion regarding a spring assessment day. In April 2011, the major field tests will all be online for seniors of selected majors. There will be no classes that day, so additional departmental assessment activities may be scheduled that day. Contact K. Draughon if you are planning to test on that day. All assessment testing will soon be online.

III. **New Course Petitions for MCL**

The following new courses were approved with recommendations by council members:

Chinese: 101, 102, 203, 204, and 499; CHIN 210 changed to 211

Arabic: 101, 102, 203, 204, and 499

Spanish: 411, 412, 499; 417 and 490 pending changes

Japanese: 499

French: 255, 415

German: 416

Around the Table

History - J. Hardgrave has been appointed to the National Advisory Board of Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, where he will serve as a mentor for new faculty advisors and regional representative to the national organization.

Psychology - B. Raulerson has a first author publication in press entitled "Differential Verbal, Visual, and Spatial Working Memory in Written Language Production" in *Perceptual and Motor Skills*.

Communications- W. Durham has been invited to serve on the editorial board of *Journal of Family Communication*. JFC is a highly-competitive National Communication Association-affiliated journal, and is considered to be one of the top three outlets in interpersonal and family communication.

Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Studies - T. Schroer creates power point slides of university announcements available to all faculty to use in classes. Email him if you want to receive them each week.

Interdisciplinary Studies- The International Food Expo is Friday from 10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in Carter Hall.

Art - R. Millard-Mendez has 2 artworks in the nationally juried show "Give Us Some Blues" at Studio Place Arts in Barre, VT.

R. Millard-Mendez and H. Braysmith attended the College Art Association (CAA) Conference in Chicago, IL last week where Millard-Mendez participated in the CAA Art Exchange and Braysmith participated in the CAA Education Committee meetings.

A reception for "3 Exhibits" will be held this Sunday, Feb. 21 from 2-4 p.m. in the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center / Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries.