

Liberal Arts Council Meeting

March 16, 2010

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

Dean's Announcements: Portfolio reviews are complete and have been forwarded to Academic Affairs. The Dean will meet with junior faculty soon to review items that should be included in portfolios and help eliminate unnecessary information. Chairs are strongly encouraged to continue to be thorough in annual reviews.

- I. **LAC Minutes for Approval from 2/23/10** After a brief discussion regarding the use of Blackboard by faculty members, the minutes were approved as amended.
- II. **MA in Communication Update** The Masters in Communication has been approved and will begin in Fall of 2010. W. Rinks gave suggestions for presenting a strong case for proposing new programs and having them approved.
- III. **Orr Center Space Initiative** The request for additional space in the Orr Center has been approved. This summer, the English department and all of its auxiliary units will move into the offices on the third floor of the Orr Center. The proposed schedule for Liberal Arts to move into the Orr Center is before the beginning of the fall semester. Assignments to the rooms being vacated in the LAC will be made in about one month.
- IV. **Bookstore Issues** Questions were raised by R. Gennaro regarding campus bookstore charges for returned books that appeared on his departmental budget report. A lively discussion resulted with many council members identifying with this dilemma. The Dean will take these concerns to the Deans' council.
- V. **Response on Advising Role of Students** D. Duvall responded to the Dean's inquiry regarding this issue by saying that the student advising responsibilities are covered at Orientation. B. Posler reported that the use of holds for advising is increasing for all levels of students.
- VI. **Honors Day Update** This year's event is scheduled for Saturday, March 27th, from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. in Carter Hall. D. Craig will announce the awards and recipients. There will be no student check-in this year and seating is open for them to sit with families. Donors will still check in. Faculty should arrive no later than 9:30 a.m. to change into regalia in UC 206. Faculty not wearing regalia will not be in the processional. All faculty members are encouraged to attend.
- VII. **Academic Planning Council**

Approval will be requested to explore majors in Anthropology and American studies. The major in Arts & Heritage Management is still on the books. T. Hunt and J. deJong will work on updating the original surveys. A pre-law minor is being planned and English is discussing a Master's program.

A minor in choral music is being prepared. Art is currently in the accreditation process, and later plans to continue discussion of a BFA. The Psychology department is working on their Program Review and will consider additional programs after that is complete.
- VIII. **Budget Update for 2010-11** Operating funding will not be rolled over this year which eliminates the Dean's source of additional money for faculty travel unless another source can be tapped. Funding for electronic equipment and some of the LA series may be affected, including Ropewalk. At this point 10001 accounts will be affected. Foundation accounts will roll over.

Around the Table

Dean's Office – Most LA searches have been completed. Any still in process should be finished soon. The SGA and LA are having a Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, March 17th. Chairs were emailed and asked to attend or send a representative and to encourage students to attend.

***M. Aakhus** – *The Big Read* includes an exhibition of monoprints by distinguished Mexican artists Miguel Peraza and Jorge Riquelme. There will be a reception Sunday March 21, 2010 from 2:00 p.m. -4:00 p.m. at the Evansville Vanderburgh Central Library.

* S. Hoeness-Krupsaw and M.T. Hallock Morris have been named as USI Outstanding Advisors for this year.

Communications- ***W. Rinks** - Friday evening, March 5 at the ADDYs (advertising award ceremony), B. Jeffers was presented the AAF Silver Medal Lifetime Achievement Award for the greater Evansville region for outstanding contributions to advertising, furthering the industry's standards, creative excellence, and responsibility in areas of social concern.

Modern and Classical Languages – Attend *Cooking and Culture in the Hispanic World -Spain and Morocco* from 3 to 5 pm in HP 0063 on March 24, 2010.

* Dr. Sonia González, from Purdue University, will present *Chicana Poetry of the 70's* at 6 p.m. in RL 0017 on March 25th.

Political Science and Public Administration - The College Democrats will be having a "Meet and Greet" with candidates for state and local offices on Tuesday, March 16, at 6 p.m. in Rice Library 0017.

Psychology - D. Reynolds and B. Raulerson participated in the 22nd Southeastern Conference on the Teaching of Psychology in Atlanta, GA last month sharing and bringing back information regarding assessment of psychology programs.

Art – A work by K. Waters, "With a View", was purchased by the University of Evansville for their art collection.

History - A chapter by M. Rothwell entitled "Transpacific Solidarities: A Mexican Case Study on the Diffusion of Maoism in Latin America," has just been published in the collection of essays, *The Cold War in Asia: The Battle for Hearts and Minds*, edited by Zheng Yangwen, Hong Liu and Michael Szonyi (Brill, 2010).

Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Studies – SAC Club Bake Sale is March 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All proceeds go to Brother's Keeper, a local nonprofit organization dedicated to helping criminal offenders with reentry into society.

English – *Southern Indiana Review* has been nominated by EBSCO Publishing to be included in their research databases which are available worldwide in public, college, and university libraries. Inclusion in the databases is by invitation only.

*The RopeWalk Press Thomas Wilhelmus Chapbook Award is being featured in *Poets and Writers* magazine in a piece on chapbook awards.