

Liberal Arts Council Meeting

April 27, 2010

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

I. **LAC Minutes from 4/13/10 for Approval**

The Dean urged the Chairs and Director to closely monitor summer course sections to meet student need and maximize faculty resources. The minutes were approved as amended, with one abstention.

II. **Adjunct Celebration Debrief**

Ideas were discussed for increasing attendance of part-time faculty members at these events.

Suggestions included moving it from the spring to the fall semester and having it later in the afternoon. A. Torres will check the university calendar for possible dates and times.

III. **Work Study Students for 2010-11**

The state legislature is urging colleges to use work-study students for office help. These students are paid nearly entirely through federal funding, for significant salary savings. Students are notified in July of eligibility for work study. K. Myers will make a list of eligible students. Student positions that require specific skills, such as a lab monitor, are exceptions; however, hiring work study students might increase the number of student workers for the college.

IV. **Chairs' Work Hours in Summer**

The Dean reviewed guidelines for summer hours. Chairs/directors are on ten-month contracts. Hours contributed as department chair are counted only when the person is physically in the office. The Dean's office needs to have Chairs' and Director's summer schedules on file. Please consider having the hours the same each week to make it easier for the students and the Dean's office. The 160 hours for the 10th month are filled as follows: 40 hours are covered by Summer Orientation, 8 hours for the Chairs retreat in August, with the final 112 hours spread across the summer.

V. **Compensation and Work Load Credit for Graduate Courses**

The college gives six hours of credit to full-time faculty members teaching a 600-level course. Adjunct faculty members receive payment for only three hours for teaching the same course. There are individuals teaching undergraduate and graduate students in the same class with 400 and 500 levels. Many questions are evolving out of the diversity of teaching situations and how the instructors are compensated. Research expectations for graduate faculty members were discussed.

The current policy will not change for next spring and summer semesters; however, a new policy that goes into effect after that time will specify that three of the six hours is for the research component.

With the MALS, MPA, and graduate program in Communication, LA is going to continue discussion for developing consistent guidelines for teaching graduate courses.

VI. **3-Year Baccalaureate Degrees**

The governor of Indiana is proposing a 3-year baccalaureate degree. The specifics have not yet been released; however, if it passes, class scheduling will be affected.

VII. **Requirements for Graduation Honors**

Any student who has their last sixty hours at USI may graduate with honors, if eligible, based on their USI GPA only (not including transfer hours/grades).

VIII. Smoking Policy Recommendation

The recommendation of the committee working on a university smoking policy is to have a number of designated smoking areas on campus and allow smoking in personal vehicles. Designated smoking areas would not include shelters. This recommendation is considered a step toward a totally smoke-free campus. Approval of the proposal now goes to the President.

IX. Summer and Fall Enrollment Figures

The Dean reported figures for registration in LA for the fall semester. The number of continuing students is up 4%; readmissions are up 3%; graduate students are down 30%; and new freshmen, down 4% from where we were last year at this time.

Enrollments for summer are: Summer 1 – up 9.4%; Summer 2 – up 9.0%; and, Summer 3 – up 6.0%. These increases across the board are due in part to the availability of Pell Grants, summer school marketing, and distance education courses.

The Dean asked the Chairs and Director to closely monitor class caps and make adjustments accordingly. Also, be sure to check room sizes before raising caps.

Dean's Announcements

The recipient of the 2010 Alumni Association Faculty Recognition Award is **A. Strolia**.

There will be no LAC meeting during finals week. Summer meetings will be scheduled when necessary.

Spring grades must be in by Tuesday, May 11th. Chairs need to be available to contact faculty members who do not have grades in on time.

The spring 2010 graduating class is the largest ever at USI.

Around The Table

***Dean's Office** – D. Glassman is the recipient of the Faculty Recognition Award from the Alumni Association.

***Political Science and Public Administration** - Four students and one professor presented their research papers at the Indiana Political Science Association Meeting held in Fort Wayne, IN, on Friday, April 16. **Traci Johnson**, a triple major in Political Science, French, and International Studies, gave a paper entitled: "Walt Disney: Influencing How Nuclear Dreams Came True." **Michelle White** and **Toni Brink**, both MALS graduate students who are doing an independent study under Dr. Hallock Morris' direction, presented their paper "Meltdowns, Cover-Ups, and Mutants: Pop Culture's Perversion of Nuclear Energy." **Linda Bailey**, MPA alumnus and current MALS student, presented her paper "Are We Prepared? A Case Study of Disaster Mitigation Projects in Southwestern Indiana."

M.T. Hallock Morris presented her paper "From Rutherford to the Suspension of ANZUS and Beyond: New Zealand's Love-Hate Relationship with Nuclear Politics." She also served as the chair for two panels at the conference and was reelected to the IPSA's executive board for 2010-2011. She recently launched the organization's new website, which can be found at <http://www.indianapsa.org>.

Three faculty members made presentations at the Midwest Political Science Association's annual meeting, held in Chicago, IL, from April 22-25. These include panel presentations by **O. Armeanu**, "The Unfinished Business of Pension Reform in Central and Eastern Europe: Romania and Slovakia in Comparative Perspective," and **N. Myers**, "Health Care by Network: Governing by Network and State High-Risk Pools." A poster presentation entitled "Ambition and Local Politics: Who Will 'Raise' and Who Will 'Fold-Em'," was given by **B. Posler** and **P. Raymond**.

Traci Johnson, a triple major in Political Science, French, and International Studies, received the Robert L. Moore Memorial Scholarship during the Student Leadership Awards and Recognition Ceremony held on April 14, 2010. Traci was also one of ten students who received a Top Student Leader Award from the Vice

President for Student Affairs Office and was appointed to the Who's Who. Two other students, **Josh Bobb** (undergraduate) and **Janis Du Bois** (MPA student) were also named to the Who's Who. Only 20 students from across campus were named to the Who's Who.

***Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Studies** - **A. Stroulia** has two books published, *Archaeology in Situ: Sites, Archaeology, and Communities in Greece*, A. Stroulia and Susan Buck Sutton, editors. Lexington Books; and *Flexible Stones: Ground Stone Tools from Franchthi Cave, Fascicle 14, Excavations at Franchthi Cave, Greece*, A. Stroulia, Indiana University Press.

M. Strezewski presented his research "Survey at French Fort" at the Society for American Archaeology.

SAC Club had their annual trip to Cohokia Mounds on April 17th.

The annual **SAC Club** student and faculty BBO is Saturday, May 1st.

***Art** - **H. Braysmith** was accepted into the Asian Studies Development Program (ASDP), a summer institute infusing South Asian culture into the curriculum, at the East-West Center in Hawaii.

R. Millard-Mendez is a panelist at the Lexington Art League in Lexington, KY this week. He will talk about his work in the regionally juried competition *Alternate Selves*.

***Modern and Classical Languages** - April 29, 2010 is the 20th anniversary of the **Academic Language High School Bowl**. Registered are 35 teams competing in French, German, Latin, and Spanish from 18 Tri-State high schools.

April 30, 2010 the Department is hosting its annual **Alpha Mu Gamma** (National Language Honor Society) banquet. Guest speaker is **B. Posler**, Assistant Provost.

M. Al-Hieh, instructor of Arabic, has organized a field trip to the new mosque in Newburgh.

***Performing Arts** - The vice-chair of our American College Theatre Festival region sent notice that the National Selection Committee, the group that travels to all of the regional festivals in the country, has commended senior Theatre student **Brandon Eck** for his performance as Austin in *True West*, recognizing its excellence.

***Philosophy** - **M.L. Stoll** has won the Cooper Core Curriculum Teaching Award!

G. Merriam presented (1) "Rights and Causal Impotence," 38th Annual Conference on Value Inquiry, Southern Illinois University, April 16th-17th, 2010; and (2) "In Praise of Failure," Nammour Symposium, California State University, Sacramento, April 20th-21st, 2010.

R. Gennaro presented "Conceptualism and HOT Theory" at the "Toward a Science of Consciousness" Conference in Tucson, Arizona, April 13 2010.

***Communications** - At the 2010 Broadcast Education Association Festival of Media Arts in Las Vegas last week, USI picked up two national awards. RTV major **Andrew Bolin** was awarded second place in the Student Audio Competition, Air Personality Category. And in the Faculty Audio Competition, Long Form Production Category, **J. Morris** received an Award of Excellence, for his "Heroes of the Tri-State: Eddie Newman".

The Shield, collected 11 awards at the Indiana Collegiate Press Association convention this month at Ball State University. Among the awards were 3 first place awards. This is the largest number of awards the paper has ever received at one time from the Indiana Collegiate Press Association.

PRA major and May 2010 graduate **Ben Paradossi** has been accepted into Indiana University's prestigious Sports Management graduate program.

Another PRA major graduating in May, **Jessica Gerlach**, has been awarded a full scholarship to the national Events & Arena Marketing Conference in Chicago in June. Only 4-5 scholarships are awarded nationally to the event.

***Psychology** - **Drew Haley**, psychology major, will attend Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville this fall for a Masters degree in School Psychology.

Courtney Tenbarge, psychology major, will attend Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville this fall for a Masters degree in their Clinical Child Psychology program – Courtney will have an assistantship that provides full tuition remission and a monthly stipend.

The **Psychology Club** hosted their annual end of year get together last Thursday, April 22.

Mitch Harden, USI Psychology alumnus, was nominated for the Outstanding Adjunct of the Year award at St. Charles Community College. Mitch is completing his Ph.D. at the University of Missouri – St. Louis.

***History - C. Harison** "'Anyway, Anyhow, Anywhere': 'Moral Panic' and the Transatlantic Reception of Rock n' Roll Violence": delivered at the bi-annual meeting of the European Social Science History Conference in Brussels.

Seven students were inducted into **Phi Alpha Theta**, the history honor society, during the spring dinner and initiation ceremony on April 9.

A dozen students and faculty visited the museums in Bardstown, KY and at Fort Knox on the recent spring trip for the **History Club** on April 17.

Four students gave papers at the Phi Alpha Theta regional conference held at the University of Evansville on April 24: "The Influential Women of Rome's Early Republic" by **Brittini Herron**; "Andrew Carnegie and His Philosophy of Wealth" by **Bridget Clement**; "Bacon's Rebellion" by **Allen Wolf**; "Here is Your War Correspondent: The Life of Ernie Pyle" by **John Sureck**.