

**Liberal Arts Council Meeting Minutes**  
**February 5, 2008**

**Present: D. Glassman, M. Aakhus, J. Palladino, B. Hart, J. Evey, S. Rode, R. Priest, T. Hunt, J. Kempf deJong, W. Rinks, E. Wasserman, A. Torres, and B. Christie.**

**I. No minutes ready for review.**

**II. LA Budget Request Presentation**

The dean reminded everyone that the budget requests for Liberal Arts will be presented to the administration next Friday at 9:30 am in UC 201. He invited all to attend. The results of the ranking of priorities by the department chairs were distributed. The dean's budget recommendations are as follows:

**STAFFING NEEDS (Permanent)**

1. Assistant Professor of Middle Eastern and Islamic World History
2. Assistant Professor of Psychology
3. Convert theatre staff position to teaching position
4. Assistant Professor of Communications, partially funded by adjunct salary savings
5. Assistant Professor of Political Science

**EQUIPMENT NEEDS (One-time expense)**

1. Software necessary for new Criminal Justice major
2. SCOLA international, multilingual news satellite
3. Upgrade for art class equipment
4. Software for Advertising

**BUDGET REQUESTS FOR 2010-2011**

1. Assistant Professor of Anthropology (Cultural anthropology)
2. 3-Year Renewable Instructor for Art - Photography
3. 3-Year Renewable Instructor for English – Rhet/Comp
4. 3-Year Renewable Instructor for Spanish

**III. Criminal Justice Curriculum Modification Proposals**

At the last LAC meeting, a motion was made to table approval of these proposals until today's meeting. T. Hunt moved to take the motion off the table, and seconded by W. Rinks. The proposals were approved as corrected.

**IV. Criminal Justice New Program Proposal**

The purpose of the proposal is to create a new major in Criminal Justice Studies within the College of Liberal Arts. R. Priest was commended by the dean for all the work she and her faculty have put into developing the proposal. A motion was made and seconded to approve the new program proposal. The motion was passed.

## **V. Academic Affairs**

At the last academic affairs meeting, M. Krahlung reviewed the current core curriculum. USI has a core of 50 hours which is large compared to many other institutions. The purpose of the core is to have an educational experience that is shared by all USI students. The dean discussed the possibility that a re-evaluation of the core by the university may result in a lowering of the 50 hour core requirement.

### **Around the Table**

**ENGLISH** – M. Graham is the featured RopeWalk reader this Thursday at 5 pm in Kleymeyer Hall.

**PERFORMING ARTS** – S. Jensen is designing costumes for the “Full Monty” at the Jupiter Theatre in Palm Beach.

**ART** - USI art student Jayme Stephens designed the website for mealsonwheelsevansville.org. This was a service learning project in Chuck Armstrong's web design class.

**HISTORY** – Dr. Matthew Grow will join the history department in Fall 2008 as an assistant professor of history and the new Director of the Center for Communal Studies.

The Center for Communal Studies Lecture Series will present Dr. Philip Webber of Center College, Iowa on Thursday, February 14 at 7 pm in Kleymeyer Hall. Dr. Webber, most recently the author of *Zoar in the Civil War* (Kent State University Press, 2007), will present the illustrated lecture, “Conscientious Objectors or Conscientious Participants? The Plight of the Communal Society of Zoar in the Civil War.”

This past Friday, February 1, Dr. T. Hunt presented the illustrated lecture “Ghandi: His Road to Nonviolence” as the first lecture in a series commemorating Black History Month at Mead Johnson.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – B. Jeffers and M. Felton from the CLA both received an Outstanding Advisor Award.

**Dean’s Office** (A. Torres) – Fee edits and schedule edits are due this Thursday.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:21 am.