

## Liberal Arts Council Meeting

March 25, 2008

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

### I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 2/5/08 and 2/26/08 were reviewed and approved with minor modifications.

### II. Course Petition for THTR 490

THTR 490 Repertory Theatre Internship along with program modifications for the course to be added to the Theatre Arts Major and Minor were brought to the LAC for approval. The course and modifications were approved.

### III. Curricular Items

Faculty Senate will meet Friday and discuss the Criminal Justice Studies Major.

Academic Planning Council will meet Monday 3/31/08 at 1 PM in UC 206. The Council gives initial approval, then departments complete research and bring it back to the council for final approval. We are seeking initial approval for the Theater Education Minor to move forward; a graduate program for Critical and Strategic Communications; initial and final approval of the Criminal Justice Studies Major. The dean will also give an update on the Bachelors of Arts Heritage Management at the meeting.

### IV. International Studies Program

The dean meets with the directors of the interdisciplinary programs each year and reviews the mission, work completed, and strengths and weaknesses of the program. International Studies currently has 50-70 majors. It is the only interdisciplinary program with a major. The role of the Director of International Studies in the LAC was discussed.

### V. Online Seminar on Student Misconduct

There will be an online seminar on 5/13/08 from 12-1:30 PM on "Student Misconduct: Guidelines for College Administrators." The College will purchase the seminar for use by the faculty.

### VI. Around the Table

**ENGLISH** – Nathan Fry, USI Alumnus, will speak tomorrow at 7 PM in Kley Meyer. John Gottcent will speak on Friday on his book Autobiography of Jesus of Nazareth.

**DEAN'S OFFICE** (Aakhus) – Robert Penske will be here on 3/10 to give a presentation. M. Aakhus has tickets to see Vincente Fox, former President of Mexico, at the Victory Theatre if anyone is interested.

**PERFORMING ARTS** – D. Craig and the choir held a concert last week in the library. They will hold a free performance again on 4/27/08 at 3 PM at the Old North Church.

**SOCIOLOGY** – A. Buck was quoted in the Courier Press regarding the Social Network of Candidates. Archeology Field School will be held this summer led by M. Strezewski. It is a hands-on course that will take place in New Harmony from 8 AM – 4 PM Monday-Friday. T. Schroer formed the Male's Allies Against Rape and Violence. The first meeting is tonight in LA 1002 at 5:30 PM. They will be a part of the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event that will be held at USI on 4/2/08.

**ART** – Hilary Braysmith presented "Different Service Learning Models in Academic Disciplines and Student Development" at the Governor's Conference on Service and Volunteerism (which included service-

learning projects) in Indianapolis, IN this week. (Hilary said that "The gov." was also one of the speakers!) Lenny Dowhie attended NCECA (the National Ceramics Conference) last week where he served as Special Advisor to the Board. USI art student, Jesylyn Horstketter, is one of the 2008 recipients of the Indiana Outstanding Future Educator Awards given annually by the Indiana Association of Colleges of Teacher Education.

**HISTORY** – Joe Nelson, a Secondary Social Science Teaching major was another recipient of the Indiana Outstanding Future Educator Award. These winners will be acknowledged at the Honors Day for the College of Education and at a banquet in Indianapolis on 4/4/08. Hunt also announced that 2/3 of the officers for the Department Chairs and Program Directors are from Liberal Arts; Wasserman is the Vice Chair and Hunt is Secretary.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – Radio and Television and Journalism will be represented with a table for Orientation. The radio station will broadcast live.