

Liberal Arts Council Meeting

April 1, 2008

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

Guest: Ginny Bryant, Assistant Director of Development

I. Development Opportunities

G. Bryant handed out foundation guidelines for student group fundraising. Before starting a fundraising event, the form goes to the Dean for approval, then to David Bower, Director of Development. Requests for donations under \$500 should be made by students or faculty; more than \$500 are made by the Foundation. Contact Deb Laster, Assistant Director of Development, before generating mailings.

II. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from 1/29/08 and 3/4/08 were reviewed and approved with minor modifications

III. LARA and CLAFDA Results

4 proposals were submitted for LARA awards, and all 4 were found to be acceptable. M. Dixon, History; C. Harison, History; E. Passmore, English; and N. Reid, English will receive a 3 hour course release for Spring 2009.

The CLAFDA grants awarded in Spring 2008 include

Joseph D'Uva, *Custom Printed Laminate, Screenprinting and Flocking*, \$1,600;

John Morris, *National War – Local Heroes: World War II and the Tri-state's Contribution*, \$1,178.98;

Tamara Hunt, *Elizabeth Nutt and Ann Dodd: Discovering Forgotten Women in Eighteenth-Century Publishing*, \$4881.66;

Patty Aakhus, *Guardian Amulets and Cult Figures in the Colonies: Siren Amulets in the Pitt Rivers Museum, and Artifacts from Hadrian's Wall*, \$4364.

There are additional funds available in the CLAFDA account, so there will be another call for proposals.

IV. Academic Planning

The Art Department will evaluate the BA/BS in Arts Heritage Management. Initial approval was given for both the Theatre Education Minor and the Master of Arts in Strategic and Critical Communication. Dean Khayum recommended that the Communications Department check with local employers regarding the value of the Masters degree. The BA/BS in Criminal Justice Studies passed initial and final consideration. The Environmental Studies program received initial approval. History will begin offering a History of Environmental Studies course.

V. New Minor Petition for Theatre Education

The Theatre Education Minor was discussed and approved.

VI. Arts for All Month

Due to the large number of events in April, the dean gained approval from the Higher Education representatives and public relations to dub the month of April "Arts for All" month. Buttons will be made and distributed. USI looks forward to expanding its art engagement in the community.

VII. Honors Update

Honors Day will be held Saturday, April 12th at 2 PM. All chairs will be on the stage to announce the awards. B. Hart will be at a conference, so Julia Galbus will represent the English Department. M. Aakhus will stand on the floor and present the awards to the students.

VIII. Around the Table

ENGLISH – 7 faculty attended and 2 presented at a conference in St. Louis. Nathan Fry presented at 5 PM on Wednesday, March 26th in Kley Meyer for the Alumni in Residence Program. John Gottcent spoke on Friday on his autobiography of Jesus of Nazareth.

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION – WR Mack had three media contacts over the last week: 1) March 20, in-studio interview, “AM Evansville”, Local Fox Affiliate (WTVW – Ch. 7), Topic: Impact of the visit of Hillary Clinton; 2) March 25, phone interview, Heidi Przybyla, national politics writer for Bloomberg News, Topic: Indiana primary; 3) March 26, on-campus interview, Local Fox Affiliate (WTVW – Ch. 7), Topic: Is it proper to ask family members personal questions about candidates?

Nick Barron, an adjunct in Philosophy, successfully defended his dissertation on Tuesday, March 25, 2008 at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, *The Confessions of St. Augustine: Augustine’s Philosophical Biography as Revealing a Living Canticle of Prayer Returning Man to Wisdom*.

The Indiana Political Science Association was held Friday, March 28, at Purdue University North Central. Mary Hallock Morris and J. Robert Shrode presented “Environmental Knowledge, Party Identification & Political Ideology: A Preliminary Investigation into Attitude Ambivalence.” Rob is a senior; he will be attending UCLA in the fall (in their Ph.D. program). Kendra Melchior, an MPA student, presented “UN Food for Oil Program and the Need to Reform Leadership.” Morris was also elected to a second year on the IPSA executive board and will continue serving as the Journal editor.

MODERN & CLASSICAL LANGUAGES - The dean spoke recently at the annual initiation banquet for the National Language Honor Society.

PERFORMING ARTS – Theatre students met last week and Doug Hubbell made an official announcement about his intention to retire. The Performing Arts faculty presented Hubbell with a new leather briefcase.

SOCIOLOGY – T. Schroer and C. Rose attended the Midwest Sociology Association. M. Mosher, adjunct faculty and a student presented at the Pacific Sociology Association.

ART – J. Uduehi gave two presentations at the NAEA in New Orleans. The Student Art Show will have its opening reception Sunday from 2-4 PM with the award presentation at 3 PM. Ilona Granet is the juror of the Student Art Show and will give a lecture at 7 PM in Kley Meyer on Thursday. She has an exhibit at the New Harmony Gallery which opened this past Saturday. John David Mooney is the Distinguished Scholar Lecturer and will begin installation of his artwork in the quad next Wednesday. Mooney is the artist in residence from April 9th - 16th. On April 16th, there will be a lighting ceremony in the quad of his artwork.

HISTORY – Phi Alpha Theta, the history honor society, held its spring initiation Friday March 28 at Bonefish Grill. They initiated six new members this semester, which brings to 17 the number of new initiates for the year.

The History Club and Phi Alpha Theta held their annual Career and Internship fair on Wednesday March 26. The panelists included an attorney, a National Park Services ranger, the archivist from the Willard Library, a Drug Enforcement Agency official, the head of historic preservation for the city of Evansville, the education coordinator at Historic New Harmony, and the coordinator of internships for the College of Liberal Arts. 36 students and 3 faculty members attended.

There are 6 USI history students presenting papers at the Regional Phi Alpha Theta Conference in Terre Haute this Saturday, April 5, and an additional 13 USI history students will be attending the conference.

The students in the history senior seminar course "Medieval Technology" will be holding their "catapult wars" from 10:30 to noon today, April 1, at the Broadway Softball Practice Field. Teams from the class will be competing using the catapults that they have constructed using medieval design and materials that would have been available in the medieval period.

COMMUNICATIONS – Drs. Bob West and Karen Bonnell are presenting at the Southern States Communication Association meeting in Georgia later this week.

The Journalism search was successful: Keith Saliba, a doctoral candidate from the University of Florida, will be joining us in the fall. He is doing historical journalism research.

The Scripps Howard Foundation Award Winners have been announced. Breanna Haller, Journalism Major, and Ashley Drew, Public Relations/Advertising Major, have been awarded internships/scholarships worth \$4,000 each.