

Liberal Arts Council Meeting

April 8, 2008

Present: D. Glassman, M. Aakhus, B. Hart, S. Rode, E. Wasserman, J. Kempf deJong, W. Rinks, J. Evey, and A. Torres

Guests: G. Aley for History and N. Banerjea for Sociology

I. Approval of Minutes

No minutes were available for approval this week.

II. Politics in the Classroom

To what extent is the discussion of one's own view justifiable in the classroom? It was determined that problems will be handled on a case by case basis for now.

III. Honors Day Update

Limit the script for each student to a couple of sentences. The chair will be notified whether the donor is present. The chair will introduce the donor and ask him/her to come up and assist M. Aakhus with handing out the award. Announce all recipients whether present or not.

IV. Off Agenda Items

The University is advertising for a Director of the Honors Program. Encourage faculty who would be good at this job to apply.

The Dean believes that the Director of International Studies should be a member of the LAC. Chairs were asked to email the Dean regarding whether this Director should be a voting member.

V. Around the Table

HISTORY – G. Aley is going to Dayton, Ohio for a conference.

COMMUNICATIONS – The Department of Communications involvement in the College Achievement Program continues to grow. The 4th and 5th high schools to be a part of the College Achievement Program offering of the Radio/TV Practicum class are in Kokomo and Indianapolis.

Kellie Orsby and Andrew Bolin won 1st place in the "air personality" competition at the Indiana Association of School Broadcasters College radio competition in Indianapolis. Orsby also won first place in "copywriting," Ben Weber won second place in "radio spot production." WSWI won second place for "station imaging."

ART – \$9,000 in merit and scholarship awards was given out at the 38th Annual Student Art Show. The show continues through next Sunday. John David Mooney's art installation in the quad will open with a lighting ceremony April 16th. Mooney is the College of Liberal Arts Distinguished Scholar, and his lecture is tomorrow night.

SOCIOLOGY – The faculty are participating in a number of conferences.

PERFORMING ARTS – Threepenny Opera opens Thursday night. L. Leibowitz is directing the show.

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICAL SCIENCE & PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION – Three of the political science faculty presented at the 66th Midwest Political Science Association Annual National Conference in Chicago: Dr.

Mary Hallock Morris - Presented "Issue Attention Cycles: Katrina and the Debate over Coastal Wetland Loss" and was a panel discussant for "Explaining Environmental Policy Adoption." Dr. David Prince presented "Session Limits and Contributor Strategies in State Legislatures," and Dr. Oana Armeanu co presented *Does Education Make Voters More Leftist or More Rightist? A West vs. East Cross-Regional Analysis*, with Florin Fesnic, University of Bucharest, and was chair and discussant for Parties, Rules, and Strategies in Post-Communist Democracies.

DEAN'S OFFICE (Aakhus) – The RISC Showcase is this week. R. Pinsky will give a talk on Thursday night and there will be panels on Friday.

ENGLISH – This last Friday P. vonLoewenfeldt presented at the Colloquium. Ropewalk moved to next Monday, April 14th.