

**Approved Minutes  
Liberal Arts Council  
November 7, 2006**

**Present:** D. Glassman, M. Aakhus, J. Palladino, M. Kearns, S. Zehr, C. Barber, S. Wolfe, T. Hunt, W. Rinks, K. Waters, A. Torres and B. Christie.

**Guest:** Elliot Wasserman, Theatre

Meeting began at 9:30 am

**I. Program Modification Proposal – Theatre (Wasserman)**

A motion was made to accept a program modification to change a prerequisite of the Theatre Arts major from THTR 101 to THTR 102. The motion was approved.

**II. Course Modification Petitions for MUS 100, MUS 219 and MUS 290 (Waters)**

The proposed change is to remove the statement concerning the number of hours allowed for music ensemble courses. Discussion followed and the three petitions were tabled until Dan Craig could be in attendance to answer questions.

**III. Course Modification Petitions for PRL 362 and PRL 463; Program Modification (Rinks)**

It was explained that the Program Modification being presented had actually been approved by the LAC two years ago, but was lost in the pipeline before it received complete approval. It was moved and seconded to approve the program modification and both course modification petitions. Discussion followed. The program modification and changes to PRL 362 were approved. PRL 463 was approved as amended.

**IV. Course Modifications, ART 374, ART 376, ART 474 (Waters)**

Motions to accept course modifications for ART 374, ART 376 and ART 474 were approved.

**Announcements:** Dean Glassman announced that he would be bringing issues regarding faculty evaluations and portfolios to the next meeting. He also asked chairs to consider criteria for the USI Foundation Excellence in Learning Awards. It was generally agreed that the award should require at least 80 earned hours with a 3.5 GPA at the time of application. Other suggestions included a required essay and/ or personal interview.

**Around the Table**

J. Palladino – The search process continues for two psychology vacancies and another for Foreign Languages.

M. Kearns – Candidates for the Director of Composition vacancy will be on campus this semester.

S. Zehr – Sociology has searches for 2 faculty position and interviews are being scheduled.

C. Barber – USI Political Science students are working the polls today.

K. Waters – USI Theatre production of “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” runs November 8-11 and 14-19. Guest artist, Jill Foote-Hutton will present in Kleymeyer Hall on 11/8/06 at 7:30 pm.

T. Hunt – The Berger lecture was well-attended. The History Club is having a book/bake sale on Thursday. The department is adding HIST 271, Teaching History of the Middle East to the Summer II schedule.

M. Aakhus – The art department ceramics sale is December 7-8.

Before the meeting was adjourned, K. Waters requested a special LAC meeting for Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 pm to give Dan Craig the opportunity to address questions and concerns regarding his course petitions. She reminded everyone that his appointment with the LAC was postponed due to time constraints. All chairs agreed to meet again on Thursday at 9:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:31 am.