

**Approved Minutes
Liberal Arts Council Meeting
February 13, 2007**

Present: D. Glassman, M. Aakhus, S. Wolfe, R. Mussard, S. Zehr, T. Hunt, W. Rinks,
K. Waters, J. Galbus (for M. Kearns), A. Torres and B. Christie.

I. Approval of Minutes

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of 9/13/06. The minutes were approved as amended.

II. Undergraduate Course Modification Petitions (3) – W. Rinks

A motion was made to approve the three course modifications. The modifications will require a “C” or higher in a prerequisite course before going into advanced Mass Communication courses. Discussion followed and the question was called and seconded. The motion was approved.

III. Honors Day 2007 on Sunday, March 18 - Glassman

The event will begin at 2:00 pm. and Faculty should arrive by 1:30 pm. It was decided that GPAs would not be announced. Department chairs are to prepare scripts for their awards limited to one or two sentences each. Students will be asked to come all the way to the front stage to accept their awards. A photographer will be available to take pictures of our guest donors and their award recipients.

IV. Honors Day 2008

A conflict in scheduling has occurred for next year’s Honors convocation requiring a change of date. Potential dates will be circulated to chairs for their review and comments.

V. Budget Presentation - Glassman

The Liberal Arts budget proposal will be presented to Dr. Hoops on Friday at 9:30 am. in the UC. Dean Glassman presented his budget recommendations and priority rankings to the LAC for review and discussion.

VI. Contract Faculty Titles – Update - Glassman

The titles that are currently being considered for contract faculty are “contract instructor,” “contract faculty,” and “senior contract faculty.” No final decision has yet been made.

VII. Academic Affairs Update – Glassman

The dean asked department chairs to review their policies regarding multiple prerequisites for 200-level courses.

The dean discussed the withdrawal and fail rates of various courses in the USI curriculum. Courses offered in the College of Liberal Arts with extremely high fail rates will be reviewed by the dean with follow-up discussion with relevant chairs.

Around the Table

Glassman – The dean requests chairs to remind their faculty members to utilize the entire class period for instructional activity. Some evening courses have noticeably been dismissed early.

Wolfe – Dr. Silvia A. Rode has been appointed the new chair for Foreign Languages. Dr. Wolfe expressed her gratitude to Dr. Palladino for chairing the search.

Mussard – The Philosophy Club is sponsoring *The Vagina Monologues* on 2/13 at 6 pm. in RL 0017. There is a one dollar admission.

Zehr – A lecture by Ravi Rajan is scheduled for Monday at 7:00 pm. in Mitchell Auditorium.

Waters – Waters and H. Braysmith will be in New York for the CAA conference where Braysmith will head a panel discussion. Art received thirteen applications for portfolio scholarships. *Raisin in the Sun* opens tomorrow in the Igleheart Theatre. It is the first all-African American cast for USI Theatre.

Galbus – RopeWalk Readers Series features Liam Rector in Kleymeyer Hall on Thursday at 7:00 pm.

Hunt – The history department and USI History Club are sponsoring a presentation by Stanley Madison, preservationist for Lyles Station, on 2/19 in Kleymeyer Hall at 4:30 pm. The history department is sponsoring a contest with a \$150 cash award for a best student paper written on Lyles Station. April 13 is the deadline for submissions.

Christie – The fall schedule edit is complete and the printed schedule should be out before spring break. Honors Day preparations are on schedule.

Torres – Please make certain all Liberal Arts-related events are on the USI and LA calendars.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30.