

Approved Minutes
College of Liberal Arts
Liberal Arts Council
January 10, 2006

Meeting came to order at 8:35 AM

Attending: David Glassman, Joe Palladino, Tamara Hunt, Michael Kearns, Leslie Roberts, Katie Waters, Stephen Zehr, Charles Barber, Wayne Rinks, Michael Aakhus, Jo Ann LaMar, and Angela Torres

I Approval of the Minutes (Glassman)

No minutes were available for approval.

II Introduction of new LAC members (Glassman)

Dr. Glassman welcomed two new members to the LAC. Dr. Charles Barber joins us as Acting Chair of Philosophy, Political Science and Public Administration, and Dr. Wayne Rinks join us as Acting Chair for the Communications Department.

III Program Modification Petitions (Rinks)

- 1) Communications requests a program modification to change the requirement for taking upper division courses from a grade of C+ in both Eng 101 and Eng 201 to a grade of C or higher. It was moved and seconded to approve the petition. Discussion followed. The petition was approved with modification.
- 2) New Course petitions for COMM 493 – Media Ethics and JRN 484 – Literary Journalism were moved and seconded. A motion was made and seconded to table the course petition for JRN 488 – Digital Storytelling until our next meeting.

IV Budget Presentation Process (Glassman)

Each Chair will be given fifteen minutes to give her or his presentation to the LAC. History and communications will present their budget requests on January 17. English, psychology and tentatively foreign language will present on January 24, and sociology, philosophy/political science/public administration and art will present on February 7. Other program directors will be invited to make budget presentations including international studies, classical studies, gender studies, theatre management, USI theatre, and music. Presentations will be open to the faculty. There will be no LAC meeting on January 31.

V Honors Day Procedure (Glassman)

It was agreed that the chairs will provide a sentence or two about each award recipient. All recipients will come to the stage to receive their award. The first 5 rows of seats will be reserved for the honorees. Photo opportunities will be available for the award winners and their donors after the presentation ceremony. Regalia will be worn for Honors Day. This year we will use additional help at the welcome tables to facilitate seating of students, family members and donors.

VI FIG Courses (Glassman/Aakhus)

The Dean supports the FIG course initiative as long as we have the resources to accommodate them. We will ask student services or the department sponsoring the FIG to provide the number of students they plan to enroll in the course. There will be a minimum of ten students required

for the FIG and in cases where the content of the course permits, unoccupied seats will be opened following a set deadline.

VII Academic Affairs Update

The Dean has requested feedback from the Chairs regarding screens that are regularly used by faculty on SIS. The University plans to make this information available on MyUSI. Humanities will be testing the plagiarism software, "My Drop Box" this semester. The VPAA plans to cover the cost of the software if it is successful.

VIII Around the Table

Dr. Rinks announced that the search for a communications chair is underway, and the Communications Department will be working in the fall to be reaccredited.

Professor Waters announced that Elliot Wasserman is receiving the Kennedy Center award for teaching this Saturday. The Senior Seminar students will hold their art show at the New Harmony Gallery from 4–6 this Saturday.

Dr. Roberts informed the council that Foreign Language has two chair candidates visiting campus during the next two weeks. The Berger Lecture is scheduled for Thursday, February 2 at 7 PM with Judge Patty Fitzgerald speaking on the Rights of Children in Family Court. Susie Wolfe will be giving The Cooper Lecture on Thursday February 16 at 3PM.

Professor Aakhus announced that the Society for Arts and Humanities will be holding their annual Toast to the Arts at the Evansville Museum on Friday, February 3.

Dr. Hunt reported that we will be receiving several course deletion petitions in our mailboxes next week. The first candidate for the Latin America position will be here on Tuesday, and other candidates will be following on Monday and Wednesday.

Dr. Palladino announced that Dr. Karen Bonnell and Dr. Julie Evey's proposal for a book chapter has been accepted for *Principles of Effective Online Teaching: A Handbook for Experienced Teachers Developing E-Learning*. This book is scheduled for publication in 2007 by Informing Science Press.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:36 AM.