

**Approved Minutes**  
College of Liberal Arts  
Liberal Arts Council  
February 7, 2006

Meeting came to order at 8:30 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

Guests: Michael Dixon, Dan Craig, and Steve Williams

**I PHIL, POLS, and PA Budget Request (Barber)**

Dr. Barber presented the budget request for the Philosophy, Political Science, and Public Administration Department. They have two requests with the following priority:

- 1) Assistant Professor of Political Science (specializations in Comparative Politics – Normative Political Theory)
- 2) Tenure-track position at Assistant Professor level for Philosophy

**II Classical Studies Program Budget Request (Dixon)**

Dr. Dixon presented the budget request for Classical Studies Program. They have two requests with the following priority:

- 1) \$400 for continued membership with the American School of Classical Studies
- 2) \$565 for 500 brochures highlighting the Classical Studies Program to be printed for Southern Hospitality Days and the Foreign Language Bowl

**III Art Department Budget Presentation (Waters)**

Professor Waters presented the budget request for the Art Department. They have five requests with the following priority:

- 1) Instructor of Art – with a three-year recurring contract
- 2) Assistant Professor of Art – photography
- 3) Assistant Professor of Art – drawing and 2-dimensional design
- 4) New ceramics facility
- 5) Equipment in the following priority
  - a. Security closet for TC 230
  - b. Oval electric kiln and shelves
  - c. Graphic design software for four MACs in LA Center open lab
  - d. Critique boards and track-lights for TC 237
  - e. MIG welder
  - f. Photographic equipment: timers, film washers, strobe light kit
  - g. Stackable electric kiln and shelves

**IV Sociology Department Budget Presentation (Zehr)**

Dr. Zehr presented the budget request for the Sociology Department. They have four requests with the following priority:

- 1) Assistant Professor of Sociology with specialties in the sociology of law, victimology, domestic violence, or corrections
- 2) Continuance of the instructor line through the 2006-2007 academic year

- 3) Assistant Professor of Anthropology with specialties in cultural anthropology with specialization of Asia, Africa, or Latin America cultures
- 4) Classroom and office supplies: LCD projector in LA 2032 (funded through Instructional Technology), two book cases and a bulletin board for LA 1010, four 1-gig jump drives, DVD burner and software

Dr. Zehr also requested an increase in travel funding for all of the departments. The Dean is working on this increase.

#### **V Foreign Language Department Budget Presentation (Roberts)**

Dr. Roberts presented the budget request for the Foreign Language Department. They have three requests with the following priority:

- 1) Renewable contract position in Spanish to replace the one-year temporary position in order to retain four full-time faculty members in Spanish
- 2) Assistant Professor in Classics
- 3) Equip one of the Foreign Language classrooms with audio-visual equipment

#### **VI Music Program Budget Presentation (Craig)**

Dan Craig presented the budget request for the Music Program. They have one request:

- 1) Full-time instructor in Applied Voice and Director of USI Women's Choir

#### **VII Gender Studies Program Budget Request (Williams)**

Dr. Williams presented the budget request for the Gender Studies Program. They have four requests with the following priority:

- 1) Funding for annual speaker
- 2) Increased compensation for instructors team-teaching Gender Studies
- 3) Faculty representation at annual NWSA conference
- 4) Photocopy account and budget for incidental expenditures

#### **VIII Program Modification Proposal (Rinks)**

Dr. Rinks presented a Program Modification for Online and Print Journalism. It was moved and seconded to approve the proposals. Discussion followed. The proposals were approved.

#### **IX Around the Table**

There was no Academic Affairs meeting. Dr. Glassman announced that there is a new USI Foundation Student Award that will be given this year. Applications are due by Friday.

Professor Aakhus announced that there will be an exhibit of African Art in the McCutchan Gallery.

Dr. Hunt announced that a recommendation has been forwarded to Dr. Bennett for the Latin American Search.

Dr. Roberts announced that the Berger Lecture went well. She also announced that Susie Wolfe will give the Cooper Lecture on Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM in Carter Hall.

Professor Waters announced that Adam Davis is having an exhibition that opens at the New Harmony Gallery this weekend. He will speak on February 9<sup>th</sup> in Kleymeyer.

Dr. Barber announced that there is an essay contest for students at the sophomore level or above that is being funded by Foundation donations. The deadline is March 31<sup>st</sup>. The award for Philosophy is \$100, and for Political Science is \$150.

Dr. Kearns announced that he will send out invitations to attend events for the DOC candidate who will be on campus Thursday afternoon and all day Friday.

Dr. Rinks announced that they have received two paid internships through Scripps Howard with a funding level of \$4,000 each.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:35 AM.