

Approved Minutes
College of Liberal Arts
Liberal Arts Council
February 28, 2006

Meeting came to order at 8:32 AM

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

Guests: Tom Rivers on behalf of Michael Kearns

I Approval of the Minutes (Glassman)

No minutes were available to approve this week.

II Course Petitions for deletion in History (Hunt)

Dr. Hunt stated that there is no one qualified to teach or develop these courses. It was moved and seconded to approve the deletions.

III Academic Affairs Budget Presentation (Glassman)

Academic Affairs presented their priority list. The priorities were divided into two clusters, 1) will be funded if there are similar amount of funding as were available last year, and 2) if additional money is available these requests will be funded.

Cluster 1

- 1) Approved partial funding last year – Finance position
- 2) Reference Librarian
- 3) UD Advisor
- 4) Tenure track position in Education
- 5) Renewable position to the College of Liberal Arts assigned to the Art Department until such time that Professor Aakhus returns to the Art Department. At that time, the money returns to the College for the Dean to use as needed.
- 6) Math instructor
- 7) Part-time instructor for Physical Education
- 8) Operations money for Food/Nutrition
- 9) Program support for Social Work
- 10) Upgrade to Administrative Associate
- 11) Data Application specialist
- 12) Children Center receptionist
- 13) LAC office space conversion
- 14) LAC teaching tech. initiative
- 15) LAC office space in South Annex
- 16) College of Education

Within the second cluster, the Communication's position in Advertising ranked sixth and the Psychology position ranked eighth. The Dean is working with the Provost on a Criminal Justice position with money that is currently available and we will receive a new ceramics building.

IV Academic Affairs Update (Glassman)

Student evaluations are no longer going to be collated by Academic Affairs and the Colleges will sort and distribute them. Dr. Bennett has requested that the chairs become familiar with the accreditation self-study will have knowledge of it for the site visits. The tenure and promotion process is now at the level of the President and will be taken to the Board of Trustees. Once they are approved, the Dean will be making the announcements.

There is a new requirement for search committees and a representative from HR to meet prior to conducting searches. Each College has a five year distance education plan which needs to be updated. On Wednesday 3/8 the Provost of VU will be on campus to discuss the 2+2 plans. This Provost is new and would like to meet chairs or higher level administrators and there will be a free lunch. Please let the Dean know if you will be available. Ed Jones should contact the available chairs with the location and time of the lunch meeting.

The University belongs to the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and if you would like more information about this organization please contact Scott Gordon. The Indiana Campus Compact is a state-wide award given annually for scholarship of engagement. There is one awarded to a faculty and one to a student with nominations due 3/10. The Dean will have the applications.

There is a new policy being developed to deal with the indirect costs relative to grants. It is proposed that the distribution will be: 30% to the department of the principal investigator, 25% to the College, 0% to Academic Affairs, 5% to the Rice Library, 30% to Sponsored Research, and 10% to the University.

V Around the Table

Dr. Roberts announced that they had a successful CAP meeting, there was a great turn-out for the International Food Fair, and they are receiving entries for the Academic Language Bowl.

Dr. Barber announced that Dr. Hamington took students to a professional conference in Memphis. He also announced that the Political Science students would participate in the Model United Nations in St. Louis.

Dr. Zehr announced that their searches are progressing.

Dr. Hunt announced that Dr. Hardgrave took student members of the History Honor Society to a regional conference in Illinois. Charles Aull won first prize and Amber Brandon third prize and are encouraged to submit their papers for publication in the new student journal. Dr. Hunt also announced that the library purchased the Historical Abstracts and American History and Life database.

Professor Waters announced that 13 incoming freshmen students were on campus for Portfolio Day. She also announced that Professor Aakhus will be taking students and community members to Mexico over Spring Break.

Dr. Palladino announced that Shyam Seetharaman was accepted to the University of South Florida in Behavioral Neuro-Sciences.

Ms. Torres reminded the chairs that Banner training is required of all faculty who will be advising students.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:50 AM.