

Approved Minutes
College of Liberal Arts
Liberal Arts Council
April 11, 2006

Meeting came to order at 8:32 AM

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

I Approval of the Minutes (Glassman)

No minutes were available for approval.

II Faculty Searches Update (Glassman)

We have filled the Lighting position in Theatre. Several other searches remain ongoing. The Dean expressed concern that the searches are taking too long.

Suggestions by chairs to improve the success of our faculty searches:

- Offer funds towards moving expenses
- Cut class load for the first semester
- Increase allocation for dinners with candidates – at least add greater flexibility in the spending
- More authority for the Dean and the search committees

III Faculty Travel (Glassman)

The Dean is working on an initiative with Mary Hupfer to allow for more travel money for faculty. He is also trying to bring in another \$5,000 of development money to help increase the funding for faculty travel.

IV 1-YR Temporary Position (Barber)

The Dean was requested to check into the policy of bringing candidates to campus interviews for 1-YR temporary positions.

V Room Selections (Zehr)

There was discussion on how rooms were selected for instructors, specifically those classrooms with teaching technology. The Chairs were asked to discuss with their Administrative Assistant any special needs, such as technology, that will be needed for a specific course. Dr Zehr also wished to express concern about the prioritizing of classrooms scheduled for technology updates. He has requested updates in classrooms designated to the Sociology Department for several years without results. He asked if the Dean could assist him in moving Instructional Technology to review his requests.

VI Around the Table

The Dean announced that everyone should refer to their e-mails for information on placing students in Math courses. He also announced that there is an audio conference on Thursday 4/13 at noon in UC 206 on the *Systematic Approach to Support Part-time Faculty*. He encourages those working with part-time faculty to attend.

Dr. Rinks announced that the *Shield* garnered 6 awards at the Indiana Collegiate Press Association annual convention on Saturday, April 8. They received 2 first place, 1 second place,

and 3 third place awards. The WSWI and the TV Center won 5 awards; 1 first, two second, and 2 third place awards.

Dr. Zehr announced that Jamie Stevens (sociology student) received a RISC grant for research. The sociology department has a candidate on campus this week and will be bringing in an anthropology candidate soon.

Dr. Hunt announced that Corinne Wilson has received a RISC grant. Although not a history major, Wilson is currently taking 2 classes from the department. Dr. Hunt announced that there would be a celebration of the transfer of the original Zoar Historic Community documents to the CCS on 4/17 at 4 PM in Kleymeyer with a reception to follow. The donation of the Zoar documents is being made by John Lawrence in honor of Don Pitzer of the history department.

Prof. Waters announced that the student art show is up and can be seen in the Bridge. Lenny Dowhie raised \$9,000 for scholarships and awards for the event. Pam Moore won an award for her ceramic pyramid.

Dr. Kearns announced that Elizabeth Coverdale received a RISC grant to study the avatars that people create in on-line chat communities. He also announced that the Great State Poetry Reading will occur today at 3 PM. Student poets from ISU will present their work at the event.

Dr. Roberts announced that the Language Bowl was a great success. The department has 2 students studying in France.

Prof. Aakhus spoke to Steve Helfrich regarding the new Art Gallery. They hope to meet next week to discuss the proposals.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 AM.