

**Liberal Arts Council**  
**February 18, 2014**

Present: M. Aakhus, T. Bordelon, M. Dixon, J. deJong, S. Rode, I. Phillips, S. Spencer, J. Evey, W. Rinks, MT Hallock Morris, C. Rivera, R. Gennaro, C. York, P. Moore, and B. Christie.

Guests: W. Bredhold and T. Wilhelmus

Absent: J. Hardgrave, T. Schroer, and E. Wasserman

The meeting started at 9:01 a.m.

**I. Retirees/Alumni Task Force (T. Wilhelmus)**

T. Wilhelmus reported that he is serving on a task force charged with identifying noteworthy alumni. The task force will establish a database of these alumni so that they can be identified and contacted efficiently. He will receive a list of alumni whom he will contact, but he also asked chairs to consult with their departments in the hope of identifying additional outstanding alumni who can be added to the database. Names and contact information should be e-mailed to T. Wilhelmus at [twilhelm@usi.edu](mailto:twilhelm@usi.edu). S. Darrell will assist T. Wilhelmus with this project.

**II. Budget Rankings**

C. York has compiled the results of chairs' rankings of the college's departmental budget requests. The order of ranking is as follows:

1. Communications (Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Communications (Digital/Multimedia))
2. World Languages and Cultures (Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Arabic or Chinese with Specialization in Teaching of a Second Language)
3. Psychology (Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Psychology)
4. History (Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of History Education and Pedagogy)
5. Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Studies (Multi-Disciplinary CJS Model Program)
6. Art (Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Art, Digital Media)
7. Performing Arts (Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of Acting and African-American Theatre)
8. English (Tenure-Track Assistant Professor of English Teaching)
9. Political Science and Public Administration
10. Philosophy (Full-Time Contract Instructor of Philosophy)
11. Social Work (no request submitted)

**III. Recognition of Honors Societies at Honors Day (I. Phillips)**

I. Phillips asked if other chairs had discussed with their faculty whether or not they wished to see members of the College of Liberal Arts' honors societies recognized at Honors Day. Chairs of departments with honors societies felt that the annual induction ceremonies was sufficient at this time. C. York also reported that we could accommodate the additional

students at the Honors Day ceremony, but that it would reduce the amount of space for the reception area and the photography area. The consensus was to conduct our Honors Day ceremony again this year as it was performed last year, with additional changes pertaining to the recognition of donors and to revisit the recognition of honors societies again for the 2015 Honors Day ceremony.

#### **IV. Open Items from Chairs**

M. Aakhus requested nominations from chairs for the names of graduating seniors to deliver the Reflections speech at spring commencement. Two nominations were made.

T. Bordelon noted that chair evaluations will be distributed to faculty one week before spring break. He also reported that chairs will be able to distribute the evaluation to adjunct faculty. Several chairs asked if the evaluation form was appropriate for adjunct faculty.

W. Bredhold reported that the next issue of LA Story will appear in May and that she wants to feature a degree program from the College of Liberal Arts, specifically she would like to feature ten things that can be done with that degree. She requested any ideas on this feature from chairs.

#### **V. Announcements**

W. Rinks informed chairs that the annual High School Media Day will take place on Friday February 28.

C. Rivera reminded chairs that the "Ain't I a Woman" performance will occur on Saturday March 1. He asked chairs to help disseminate the announcement. He reported also that twenty tickets are available for students to attend the Pokey LaFarge performance in New Harmony on Saturday February 22 at 8:00 p.m. He will distribute additional information to chairs.

J. deJong announced that L. Dowhie will give a speak about his recent work in China. The presentation will take place on Wednesday February 19 at 6:00 p.m. in FA2.

S. Rode informed chairs that the Department of World Languages and Cultures and the Center for Communal Studies will co-sponsor a presentation by the group "Maidens" on Thursday March 17 at 11:00 a.m. in Klymeyer Hall.

M. Aakhus announced that Cherokee composer and recording artist Michael Jacobs will perform on Monday February 24 during the lunch hour in the University Center Eagles Nest.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.