

Liberal Arts Council
April 1, 2014

Present: M. Aakhus, T. Bordelon, M. Dixon, A. Holen (for J. deJong), J. Hardgrave, S. Rode, S. Spencer, J. Evey, I. Phillips, W. Rinks, M. Hanka (for MT Hallock Morris), C. Rivera, R. Gennaro, T. Schroer, E. Wasserman, C. York, and P. Moore.

The meeting started at 9:03 a.m.

I. Budget Hearing Updates

M. Aakhus reminded chairs that the Liberal Arts Budget presentation will take place with others tomorrow, April 2 in UC East 2217-2218, 8:30-9:30. He reiterated that the presentations this year are designed to look at our larger issues, particularly recruitment and retention.

II. Academic Program Reviews

Chairs discussed the recently distributed revised schedule for Academic Program Reviews. Several concerns were expressed over the fact that some departments had submitted reports in 2012 and had never received feedback on them. Other concerns about the schedule were voiced. M. Aakhus requested that chairs submit to him specific concerns about the dates for which their reviews are scheduled.

III. Program Modifications

W. Rinks presented the modifications for Mass Communications majors (JRN, PRA, and RTV), noting that the use of Degree Works requires specificity on the topics of LIBA sections, seminar titles and for the list of approved ethnic or gender cognates. The petitions were approved unanimously.

IV. Open Items from Chairs

J. Evey requested information on the process by which a department may request affiliate status for a staff member. M. Aakhus encouraged her to submit a departmental memo to him that will then be forwarded to the Provost for approval.

V. Announcements

M. Hanka reminded chairs that April 15 is Law Day, and a number of events have been scheduled on that day.

S. Rode announced that the Language Academic Bowl will take place in Carter Hall on Monday April 7. High school students of French, German, Latin, and Spanish will be on campus to participate in the annual event.

I. Philips informed chairs that the Center for Social Justice Education and the YWCA will jointly sponsor a Stand Against Racism rally on April 25.

E. Wasserman noted that *Next to Normal*, directed by E. Altheide, will open on Friday April 4 in the Mallette Studio Theatre. It will run through April 13.

A. Holen announced that the annual Ceramics Sale will be held on Wednesday April 2 and Friday April 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m. on both days.

S. Spencer noted that Gabrielle Burton will present “Kings, Queens, and In-Betweens: Rethinking the Binary in Gender Expression and Identity” on Monday April 7 in Traditions Lounge, UC East at 7:00 p.m.

M. Aakhus reminded chairs that the 44th Annual USI Juried Student Art Exhibition opened on Monday March 31 and will run through May 4. There will be a reception in the McCutchan Art Center and Pace Galleries on April 6 at 2:00p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.