

**Liberal Arts Council
September 23, 2014**

Present: M. Aakhus, M. Dixon, J. deJong, J. Hardgrave, S. Rode, I. Phillips, T. Schroer, W. Rinks, MT Hallock Morris, H. Braysmith, R. Gennaro, J. Evey, C. Rivera, E. Wasserman, R. Rowland, and K. Oeth.

Absent: P. Moore and R. Lutton

The meeting started at 9:01 a.m.

I. Program Modification Petition

M. Dixon introduced the petition to modify the Classical Studies minor. The modifications include the removal of HIST 398: Readings in History (now Historiography) and ANTH 370: Cultural Anthropology Seminar, with the additions of ANTH344: Archaeology of Greece (formerly taught as ANTH370) and POLS445: Ancient Political Theory. The petition was approved unanimously.

II. Southern Hospitality Days

M. Dixon distributed a plan of the first floor of the Liberal Arts building, indicating the room assignments and the position of tables for Southern Hospitality Days in 2014-2015. J. deJong added that the Liberal Arts Information session most likely will be a panel of current Liberal Arts students.

III. USI Campus Store Issues

W. Rinks reported on the availability of books in the USI Campus Store. Many students report that they have been unable to acquire textbooks until the third week of classes or later, as the Campus Store had not ordered a sufficient number of books. This affects most seriously those students whose financial aid requires that they purchase their books at the USI Campus Store. Other chairs reported similar concerns. Considering the implications that this potentially has upon retention, M. Aakhus will convey these concerns at a future meeting of the Provost's Council.

IV. Honors Day

M. Aakhus announced that Honors Day in spring 2015 has been cancelled and that a new format for the event will be developed for the 2015-2016 academic year. J. Evey asked if departments are still able to award their scholarships and if they can arrange a departmental event to award these. M. Aakhus responded that we shall discuss this with G. Bryant.

V. College Promotions Committee

M. Aakhus announced that the college-wide promotions committees will not go into effect for the 2015-2016 academic year. The Faculty Senate will convene a committee to explore the proposal. Questions were raised about the composition of the University Promotions Committee for the 2015-2016 year, and whether or not elections for new members will be conducted. The Faculty Senate needs to address this issue.

VI. Open Items from Chairs

S. Spencer reported that NCATE reports are due tomorrow and that neither English nor History has received any support in the preparation of these reports, particularly from the

Education Department. As English and History have the two largest secondary education programs on campus, the lack of support has complicated the process for both departments. R. Rowland has received a list of all students who have received early alerts on the basis of reported grades. She will distribute the list to chairs by major.

VII. Announcements

J. Hardgrave announced that the History Club's annual book adoption will take place on Wednesday October 1 under the Cone.

H. Braysmith reported that the exhibit "In Northern Light: The Expatriate Art of David Kegel and Paul LeJeunesse" is now open in the McCutchan Art Center and Pace Galleries. She also noted that J. Uduehi will present at talk in Kleymeyer Hall today at noon to complement "What is the Color of Your Skin?," an exhibit of his work on display in the Wright Administration Building's McCutchan Exhibition Space.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.