COLLEGE OF LIBERAL AND APPLIED ARTS MINUTES
January 23, 2012

Attendance:

Present: Owen Smith, R. Tyler Spradley, Ronald Tumelson, Alan Baily, Dana Cooper, Megan Hartley, Louise Stoehr, Ray Darville, Karol Chandler Ezell, Ken Collier, Rhiannon Fante

1. Approval of minutes from meeting on 12-12-2011

Louise Stoehr moved to accept the minutes from December 12. 2011.
2nd – Dana Cooper
Yes – 9
No – 0
Abstain – 0

2. Discussion of Council Representation:

Owen Smith began discussion with the following statement:
The Council Constitution specifies that each department (or equivalent academic unit), with the exception of Military Science, has the right to elect two representatives to the Council. However, owing to the anticipated reorganization of the college, the Council will face a situation in which each department does not have its required number of Council representatives. The Department of Mass Communication (formerly the Division of Communication and Contemporary Culture) will have no representatives on the Council, the newly-formed Division of Multidisciplinary Studies will have one representative on the Council, and the Department of Languages, Cultures, and Communication (formerly the Department of Modern Languages) will have three representatives on the Council. The Council will address the manner, if any, in which this situation should be addressed for the remainder of the current academic year. The Council will also address any required modifications to the Council Constitution to address future recurrences of this situation.

Owen Smith invited Chairs from the respective departments to discuss their thoughts on council representation.

Chair Jeana Paul-Ureana sent an email demonstrating council representation had been addressed at the departmental level for the future Department of Languages, Cultures and Communication.
Chair Mike Martin attended on behalf of the future Division of Multidisciplinary Studies.
Chair John Allen Hendricks and the future Department of Mass Communication faculty attended.
Discussion points included:

1) John Allen Hendricks and Sherry Williford spoke on behalf of the future Department of Mass Communication requesting representation.

2) Mike Martin requested the future Division of Multidisciplinary Studies be granted one representative on the council.

3) Three major suggestions were entertained:
   a. Change Section 1. (d) of the Council Constitution to state: One member each shall be elected from the Department of Military Science and the Division of Multidisciplinary Studies.
      i. Under this constitutional amendment the future Department of Mass Communication would have two representatives as currently stated in Section 3 for all departments.
   b. Add the phrase “or equivalent academic unit” to Section 3.
      i. Under this suggestion, the Division of Multidisciplinary studies would have the right to elect two, but would agree to only elect one representative.
      ii. Members found this open to misinterpreting the Division can have two representatives, which seemed problematic to some members.
      iii. Change the language of the constitution to add “division” every time department is stated and add “director” every time chair is stated.

4) Discussion also included non-tenured non-tenure track faculty eligibility to serve. The idea was tabled for potential future discussion.

Louise Stoehr moved to amend Section 1. (d) of the Council Constitution to state: One member each shall be elected from the Department of Military Science and the Division of Multidisciplinary Studies.

2nd - Karol Chandler Ezell

In discussion, Ken Collier asked to strike “Sixteen” from Section 1. (a) of the constitution to avoid confusion of membership number variations as a friendly amendment to the motion. The friendly amendment was accepted.

Yes – 10
No – 0
Abstain - 0

The amendment will be sent for CLAA faculty to vote on after the Board of Regents meeting approving the proposed departments.

Linda Bond and Al Greule have been elected by the future Mass Communication Department to serve as council members and will begin attending at the Feb. 13 meeting.
3. Additional business

No Additional Business

Louise Stoehr moved the meeting adjourn.
2nd – Megan Hartley
Yes – 10
No – 0
Abstain - 0