

**COLLEGE OF LIBERAL AND APPLIED ARTS MINUTES
DECEMBER 12, 2011**

Attendance:

Present: Owen Smith, R. Tyler Spradley, Ronald Tumelson, Denise Millstein (Substituting for Ericka Hoagland for Fall 2011), Alan Baily, Steve Taaffe, Dana Cooper, Megan Hartley, Louise Stoehr, Gabriela Miranda-Recinos, Sarah Savoy, Ray Darville, Karol Chandler Ezell, Wilma Cordova, Ken Collier, Rhiannon Fante, Mark Barringer

1. Approval of minutes from meeting on 11-21-2011

Louise Stoehr moved to accept the minutes from November 21, 2011 with edits.

2nd – Ray Darville

Yes – 16

No – 0

Abstain – 0

2. Review of information from the Chairs Council meeting (12-05-2011)

Owen Smith provided a brief overview of key items from the CLAA Chair Council meeting held on Dec. 7th:

- 1) Dean Murphy provided updates on the Alumni Networking event and the framework of the strategic plan for the college. He also indicated the university's master planning process is likely to impact the college in terms of space utilization.
- 2) Preliminary information of the Bright Ideas conferences for Spring 2012 was provided and the Dean requested that each department appoint a representative for evaluating submissions.
- 3) Two changes in departmental configurations and names were voted on unanimously: Division of Multi-Disciplinary Programs and Department of Mass Communication. A new name for the merging Department of Modern Languages and Communication Studies program was tabled.
- 4) Departments will construct and provide via the college's website a two-year schedule rotation.
- 5) The Center for a Livable World has a book to be released in January and has a tentative agreement with Kilgore to develop a quality of life analysis.
- 6) The college's new interactive-TV system will be demonstrated on Dec. 8th at 3:30. Each department was asked to send a representative.
- 7) Dean Murphy indicated professional funds have tripled since 2006 and SFA is receiving equitable amounts of funding.
- 8) The transatlantic conference will be expanded into a book and all faculty members will be invited to participate. The next conference will be on the Middle East.

- 9) Some graduating seniors had their advanced hour requirement waived for Dec. 2011, but the action will not be repeated in the future.
- 10) University policy A-19 requires faculty abide by the final course schedule.

3. Consideration of Curriculum Proposals

A. Communication: Program Modification (deletion of second majors in Communication Studies, Journalism, and Radio/TV)

Ron Tumelson moved the program modification be approved with amendments.

2nd – Dana Cooper

Yes – 16

No – 0

Abstain - 0

B. Communication Studies: COM 355 Health Communication Course Proposal

Elizabeth Spradley was available for any questions about the Health Communication course proposal.

Karol Chandler Ezell moved the course proposal be approved.

2nd – Ray Darville

Yes – 16

No – 0

Abstain - 0

C. Philosophy: Program Modification (deletion of second major)

Dana Cooper moved the program modification be approved with edits.

2nd – Ray Darville

Yes – 16

No – 0

Abstain - 0

D. Psychology: PSY 450 Course Proposal

The PSY 450 course proposal was discussed at length; primarily, focusing on the lack of clarity of how the course designation of practicum was being used in the course proposal. Council members voiced concern about how there is no clear institutional definition of practicum and that practicum should not be used to ensure study abroad opportunities make by foregoing the minimum student enrollment criteria.

Steve Taafe moved the course proposal be rejected.

2nd – Ron Tumelson

Yes – 9

No – 0
Abstain - 6

E. Public Administration: Program Modification, PBA 420

Ken Collier moved the program modification be approved with edits.
2nd – Louise Stoehr
Yes – 13
No – 1
Abstain - 1

4. Additional business

Owen Smith thanked council members who volunteered to serve on the grade appeal committee – recognizing: Ron Tumelson as Chair and members Alan Baily and Megan Hartley.

Owen Smith reengaged discussion on the matter of departmental representation on the Council with looming changes in departmental restructuring set to occur at mid-semester. It was clearly stated that it is important that everyone has representation and no one loses representation. The matter will be discussed at the first meeting of the Spring 2012 semester on January 23rd.

Karol Chandler Ezell moved the meeting adjourn.
2nd – Megan Hartley
Yes – 14
No – 0
Abstain - 0