College of Liberal and Applied Arts
College Council

Meeting date: Monday, May 9, 2011

Time and Location: 3:15 pm in Ferguson 179.

Council members attending were: Ken Collier, John Dahmus, Rhiannon Fante, Major K.C. Fricke, Gabriela Miranda-Recinos, Perry Moon, Sarah Savoy, Owen Smith, Ty Spradley, Steve Taaffe, Ronald Tumelson.

Dr. Dahmus called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Ronald Tumelson moved to approve the minutes of the last meeting (April 11, 2011). Ken Collier seconded the motion.

The motion was approved with 12 votes, 1 abstention.

Dr. Dahmus reported on the last chair’s meeting. The Chairs accepted the changes to the Internship policy that the Council recommended. The changes included the elimination of the bulleted item limiting the number of internship hours that could apply to the major.

The Dean also announced that revisions to the University’s tenure policy are under consideration. Perry Moon pointed out that the revised university policy would require that all Faculty Activity Reports (FAR’s) from the candidate’s probationary period be included in the tenure portfolio. The current college policy does not specify that the FAR’s be included. Dr. Dahmus suggested that the College Council should revisit the issue and recommend any changes after the new university policy has been approved.

The Dean also announced that adjuncts within the college will be evaluated on an annual basis.

The Dean also announced that the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) will be coming out with a new core curriculum in Fall 2013.
The Council next discussed the College’s Writing Enhanced (WE) policy. Dr. Dahm us read to the Council the following statement that was approved at the last Chairs’ meeting:

The College is eliminating the current requirement that students successfully complete nine hours of courses designated as Writing Enhanced. In its place, each program must adopt procedures to ensure that its majors receive adequate writing instruction in their disciplines. These program procedures are subject to the dean's approval by September 30, 2011. Courses can continue to be designated as Writing Enhanced until the conclusion of the 2013-2014 academic year. (These procedures will go into effect in September, 2012).

Steve Taaffe moved to approve the Chairs’ resolution. Ken Collier seconded.

The motion was approved with 10 votes in favor and 2 abstentions.

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The Council next held elections for officers for the 2011-2012 academic year.

John Dahm us nominated Ron Tumelson to be Chair.

Owen Smith nominated himself to be chair.

Perry Moon moved to close the nominations.

A ballot vote was taken. Dr. Smith was elected chair by a vote of 7-4, with one abstention.

John Dahm us nominated Ron Tumelson to be Vice-Chair.

Perry Moon moved to close the nominations.

Dr. Tumelson was elected Vice-Chair with 11 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

Perry Moon nominated Ty Spradley to be secretary.

Perry Moon moved to close nominations.

Ty Spradley was elected by Secretary with 10 votes in favor and 2 abstentions.

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The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

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