Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the College of Liberal and Applied Arts
December 1, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM in Ferguson 172. Those present at the meeting:

Members of the Council
Perry Moon, Chair
Ken Collier, Secretary
John McDermott
Steve Taaffe
John Dahmus
Rhiannon Fante
Sudeshna Roy
Linda Bond
Linda Harris
Walt Scalen
Jeff Roth

Non-Members of the Council
Dr. Mark Barringer, Associate Dean
Ray Darville, Communication
Larry King, Communication
Ty Spradling, Communication
Linda Levett, Communication
Ann Smith, English & Philosophy
Mark Sanders, English
Jeana Paul-Ureña, Latin American Studies

Approval of the Minutes
Fante moved, seconded by McDermott that the minutes of the November 24, 2008 meeting of the Council meeting be approved. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

Curriculum Proposals

Communications
The council took up the proposal for changes to the Communications Study program. The Council had an extensive discussion about potential problems with overlap between the programs. Roy moved, seconded by Dahmus seconded a motion to approve the proposal. A request made for vote by secret ballot. The motion to approve the Communications Study program proposal passed by a 7-3 vote.

Philosophy proposal
The Council next took up the changes to the Philosophy program and the addition of PHL 480 and PHL 482. Dahmus moved and Roy seconded a motion to approve the proposals. The motion passed 10-1.

English-Creative Writing
The Chair next put the modification of creative writing program before the Council. McDermott moved, Bond seconded a motion to approve the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Latin American Studies Proposals
The Council took up proposed changes related to the Latin American Studies program. Dahmus moved, seconded by McDermott that we approve the course modification of LAS 300. The motion passed unanimously.
The Council next took up the issue of changes to the minor that would reduce the hours to 17 in some cases. Roy moved that the LAS continue requiring at least 18 hours in their minor, seconded by Harris. 10 voted in favor of the motion with one abstention.
Adjournment

Dahmus moved, seconded by Harris that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous. To accommodate additional proposed changes to the curriculum the Council will meet on December 8.