

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the College of Liberal and Applied Arts  
October 13, 2008**

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

Members of the Council

Perry Moon, Chair  
Steve Cooper, Vice Chair  
Ken Collier, Secretary  
Steve Marsden  
Linda Bond  
John McDermott  
Julie Harrelson-Stephens  
Steve Taaffe  
John Dahmus  
Captain Joshua Boyett  
Rhiannon Fante  
Sudesah Roy  
Jeff Roth  
Walt Scalen  
Linda Harris

Non-Members of the Council

Dr. Mark Barringer, Associate Dean

After calling the meeting to order the Chair introduced new members of the Council.

***Approval of the Minutes***

Dahmus moved, seconded by Harrelson-Stephens that the minutes of the September 22, 2008 meeting of the Council meeting be approved with minor spelling changes. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote.

***Committee Assignments***

The Chair discussed minor changes to committee assignments.

College-wide curriculum sub-committee:

Ken Collier (GOV)  
John Dahmus (HIS)  
Linda Harris (SWK)  
John McDermott (ENG)  
Perry Moon (ML)  
Sudeshna Roy (COM)

Also serving will be the chairs of Sociology, Psychology, and Military Science

Professional Development Committee:

Steve Cooper (Chair)  
Steve Taaffe  
Linda Bond

Mission Statement Committee:

Julie Harrelson-Stephens  
Steven Marsden  
Jeff Roth

## ***Curriculum Proposals***

The Council next took up the proposal for the deletions of HIS 235. After a brief discussion Dahmus moved, second by Harrelson-Stephens that the Council unanimously approve the deletion of the course. The Council then took up the addition of PSC 328 (“International Terrorism). After a brief discussion Dahmus moved, second by Scalen the Council unanimously approved the addition of the course. The Council next took up the addition of GEO 220L (“Introduction to GIS Lab). After a brief discussion Bond moved, second by Roth the Council unanimously approved the addition of the course. The Council next took up the addition of HIS 349 (“African American History”). T

## ***Mission Statement***

The Council then discussed a new mission statement for the College. After minor changes the Council approved the draft mission statement:

*The College of Liberal and Applied Arts is dedicated to the pursuit of excellence in teaching, scholarship, creative work, and service. The departments, programs, and divisions of the College strive to prepare our students for their future endeavors in the global community, and to encourage lifelong intellectual and aesthetic enrichment. To this end, we create a learner-centered environment where students can acquire and demonstrate the ability to:*

- 1. Comprehend and analyze complex texts, events, and ideas*
- 2. Communicate clearly and effectively in writing and speech*
- 3. Conduct relevant research*
- 4. Apply the knowledge and skills they have acquired to problems in their area of study*

## ***Updates from Chairs meeting***

Next, Moon provided the Council updates from the chairs committee.

## ***College Tenure policy***

The Council next took up the issue of resolutions related to the College’s new tenure process.

After an extended discussion the Council approved the following resolution with 8 votes in favor and 3 abstaining:

*# 1 "A resolution to strongly encourage all concerned committees to generate committee reports based solely on the department's tenure requirements in all pre-tenure and tenure reviews."*

Dahmus moved and Taaffee seconded a motion that the Council also approved the following resolution with 8 votes in favor and 3 abstaining:

*# 2 "The Liberal and Applied Arts Council believes that the College tenure committee should make informed and knowledgeable decisions on its recommendations for tenure. Therefore, the Council urges the dean to alter the current tenure policy to permit the representative from a tenure applicant's department to answer questions from committee members."*

## ***Adjournment***

Half the Council moved seconded by the other half of the Council that the meeting be adjourn. The vote was unanimous.