

Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the College of Liberal and Applied Arts December 8, 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
Steve Cooper, Vice Chair
Ken Collier, Secretary
John McDermott
Steve Marsden
Steve Taaffe
John Dahmus
Rhiannon Fante
Sudeshna Roy
Linda Bond
Linda Harris
Walt Scalen

Non-Members of the Council

Dr. Mark Barringer, Associate Dean
Gary Mayer, Communication
Pat Spence, Communication
Ray Darville, Communication

Approval of the Minutes

Scalen moved, seconded by Roy that the minutes of the December 1, 2008 meeting of the Council meeting be approved. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote (8-0).

Curriculum Proposals

Global Media and Contemporary Culture Proposals

The council took up the proposal for changes to the Global Media and Contemporary Culture. Moon suggested that COM 401 not be deleted so that it could still be used by Communications Studies.

Roy moved, Dahmus seconded a motion to in favor of approving the delete and modified courses (excluding 380 and COM 401). The motion passed with 9 votes in favor and one against.

Roy moved, seconded by Dahmus, to approve the new MCM course proposals. The motion passed with eight votes in favor, one opposed and one abstention.

McDermott moved, seconded by Cooper to approve MCM 380 and delete COM 380. The motion to approve the motions passed by a 9-2 vote.

Modern languages

The Council next took up proposals for German. Dahmus moved, seconded by Bond that the German courses be approved. The motion passed 11-1.

Next, the Council reviewed the proposed changes to the Spanish program. Roy moved, seconded by Marsden to approve the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

Greek

The Chair next put forth the modification of Greek. Dahmus moved, Bond seconded a motion to approve the changes. The motion passed unanimously.

LBA 398

The Council took up proposed changes related to the LBA 398.

Harris moved, seconded by Cooper that we approve the course modification of LBA 398. The proposal passed 9-0.

Travel Fund Requests

The Travel Fund Request Committee presented their recommendations for funding of Fall 2008 travel requests. Cooper explained the current policy and the proposed allocation to the Council. Dahmus moved, seconded by McDermott to approve the committee's recommendation. The vote was 10-0. The Council next discussed the deadline for application for Spring 2009 travel money. The Council approved a deadline of April 27 for summer and spring travel fund requests.

Spring semester work

The Chair next briefed the Council on the plan for the Council's spring work. The Council will deal with apportionment. In addition, the Chair proposed that the Council hold a forum for junior faculty to raise concerns related to retention of untenured faculty.

Adjournment

McDermott moved, seconded by Bond that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous.