Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the College of Liberal and Applied Arts
February 9, 2009

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
Julie Harrelson-Stephens
John Dahmus
Sudeshna Roy
Linda Bond
Linda Harris
Walt Scalen

Non-Members of the Council
Dr. Mark Barringer, Associate Dean

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

Travel policy
The chair introduced the Council to the issues caused by changes in travel policy. The Marsden moved, seconded by Dahmus to set a new deadline of 2/17 of for spring travel proposals. The proposal was approved unanimously with one abstention.

Curriculum review
The Council approved a proposal to save all curriculum proposals until the last Friday in September.

Report from the Chairs Council
The chair then updated the Council on issues from the Chairs Council. The chair informed the Council that the College will soon be asked to develop their own strategic plan within the University’s strategic plan. The Chair then brought up the possibility of a faculty club. The Council also looked into creating a forum for untenured faculty members to provide input into retention. The Chair also asked the Council their opinion about the reporting of grade distributions in the faculty evaluation process.

Reapportionment
The Chair asked the Council about the reapportionment of the Council.

Tenure
The Council took up the issue of changes to the tenure policy. Member of the Council discussed at what point in the probationary period tenure policies and standards could be set.
Adjournment
Harrelson-Stephens moved, seconded by Dahmus seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous.