

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Council of the College of Liberal and Applied Arts  
March 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  
Linda Bond  
John Dahmus  
Rhiannon Fante  
Julie Harrelson-Stephens  
Steve Marsden  
John McDermott  
Sudeshna Roy  
Walt Scalen  
Steve Taaffe

***Approval of the Minutes***

Bond moved, seconded by Scalen that the minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting of the Council meeting be approved. The minutes were approved by a unanimous vote (11-0) with one abstention

***Updates***

The chair advised the Council that the University Curriculum Committee had completed its business for the year and that the University of the Community had approved all proposals forwarded by the Council unless they had been withdrawn by the departments.

Collier updated the Council on the work of the College curriculum committee.

**Tenure policy**

The Chair brought up the issue of the tenure policy. Currently, September 1 of the faculty member's third year of the probationary period.

Dahmus moved, seconded by McDermott that the tenure track faculty be subject to the tenure standards at the time of their hiring. The motion passed 10-1.

**Faculty club**

The chair updated the Council on the faculty club idea. Linda Bond was charged with exploring options for locations.

**College representative to the Core Curriculum Committee**

The Chair sought nominations for the recreated Core Curriculum Committee. Roy moved, second by Dahmus that the Council ask for volunteers from the college faculty. The motion was approved by a vote of 6 to 4 with 1 abstention.

## **Travel Requests**

The Council next reviewed the recommendation of the Travel committee. Dahmus moved, seconded by Marsden, that the Council approve the committee's recommendation for distribution of funds for Spring 2009.

## **Strategic Plan**

The Chair discussed the strategic plan with the Council. The Council recommended that the College aspire to simplify the strategic plan as much as possible.

## **Amendments to the LAA constitution**

The Chair put forward two amendments to the LAA Council constitution.

Dahmus moved, seconded by Cooper, that the Council recommend the following amendment to the college faculty:

“Approximately one-third of the Council members should be elected every Fall term. If at the time of reapportionment, there is an imbalance in the number of first, second, and third year members, the Council may adjust the terms of the members to be elected the following year in order to reestablish a balance.”

The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Dahmus moved, seconded by Stephens, that the Council recommend the following amendment to the college faculty:

“The College representative to the University Curriculum Committee shall serve as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Council unless he or she is already an elected member of the Council.”

The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

## **Adjournment**

Marsden moved, seconded by Cooper seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The vote was unanimous.