

College of Liberal and Applied Arts College Council

Meeting date: April 26, 2010

Time/Location: 2:30 pm, Ferguson 172

Attending: John Dahmus, Sudeshna Roy (for Ty Spradley), Owen Smith, Perry Moon, John MacDermott, Wilma Cordova, Rhiannon Fante, Steve Marsden, Julie Harrelson-Stephens, Ken Collier, Steve Taafe, Jeff Roth

Meeting opened by Perry Moon: 2:36

- 1) Dahmus moves, Harrelson-Stephens seconds, to approve corrected minutes of February 22nd meeting.

Passed unanimously with 7 votes.

- 2) The council discussed the selection for “The William C. ‘Wild Bill’ Marshall Liberal Arts Scholarship.” After debate, Julie Harrelson-Stephens proposes, Ken Collier seconds, that the committee recommend Kyle Thomas Stevens for the scholarship.

Passed unanimously with 9 votes.

- 3) Committee discusses need for runners-up. After debate, Roy proposes, McDermott seconds, that Kyle Sitka, Erika Lemke, and Ryan McGrew (in that order) be recommended as runners-up.

Passed. 8 in favor, one abstention.

- 4) The committee considered changes in the core curriculum for the new BS degree. The role of ENG 273/ BCM 247 was discussed, as were the role of social sciences in the core science requirements, particularly Physical Anthropology and Physical Geography.

- 5) Moon asked for volunteers for a committee to work on a committee to make recommendations for making the packets for tenure and third year review more manageable. Taafe and Harrelson-Stephens volunteered.

- 6) Council elected officers for upcoming academic year.

Taafe nominates, and Harrelson-Stephens seconds John Dahmus as chair.

Passed. 10 in favor, one abstention

Dahmus nominates, and Collier seconds Julie Harrelson-Stephens as vice-chair.

Passed. 10 in favor, one abstention.

Moon volunteers, Dahmus seconds Perry moon as secretary.

Passed unanimously with 11 votes.

- 7) Council discussed recent proposed changes in the workload policy. Macdermott raised the question of senior theses in creative writing: book length manuscripts that have to be carefully

read and evaluated. Fante raised the issue of graduate courses: under the new workload policy, they are listed as 1.5 course equivalencies.

Roy proposed, Fante seconded that the committee recommend graduate courses serve as 2 teaching units.

Passed. 10 in favor, one abstention.

- 8) Macdermott proposed, Smith seconded, that senior creative writing theses count the same as Master's theses for workload equivalencies.

Passed unanimously with 10 votes.

- 9) Harrelson-Stephens moved to adjourn, Roy seconded.

Motion passed unanimously with 10 votes.