Liberal Arts Council Meeting
September 15, 2009

Present:  D. Glassman, M. Aakhus, R. Priest, S. Spencer, R. Gennaro, E. Wasserman, S. Rode,
J. Evey, J. deJong, T. Hunt, MT Hallock Morris, P. Aakhus, A. Torres, B. Christie
Absent:  W. Rinks  Guest:  W. Durham, Communications

I. Approval of Minutes from 09/08/09  Minutes were approved as amended.

II. Peer Review of Teaching
    The focus of peer review of teaching is on outcomes to provide data and identify issues. All 
    members of evaluation committees and the department chair should evaluate probationary faculty 
    members. These are important for tenure and promotion decisions.

III. Program Modification Petition: Anthropology
    R. Priest reviewed the petition; it was approved after a brief discussion.

IV. Upcoming Webcasts
    USI has a webinar today at 12:00 pm in ED 1101 entitled “H1N1 – Campus Management”. This 
    Thursday, September 17th, the webinar, “Reaching and Retaining Students- Academic Advising” will 
    be shown from 1:00 to 2:30 pm in HP 1027. Department chairs were asked to have faculty members 
    attend both of these presentations and report on them at their departmental meetings.

V. Exploring Majors Fair
    All LA departments should make plans to be represented at this important event on Thursday, 
    October 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Carter Hall. This is an opportunity to showcase majors and 
    provide information to students.

VI. Inauguration Events and Class Absence
    The USI presidential inauguration is October 15th. The Dean will contact the Provost and the 
    President about the University’s expectations for this event regarding class absences.

VII. Meeting in Vincennes
    USI and Vincennes University have a reciprocity with regard to enrollment. This year’s meeting is 
    Tuesday, September 29th. It provides an opportunity to connect with students. The Dean needs to 
    know who plans to go by 4:30 today.

VIII. Southern Hospitality Days
    There are 8 Hospitality Days each academic year. The next one will be Saturday, September 19th. 
    All LA departments are represented; email Shannon Hile to make arrangements.

IX. College Civility
    LA strives to foster collegiality and respect among faculty members. Chairs are reminded to 
    discuss these issues with their faculty. Please talk with your staff and address concerns as 
    appropriate.
X. Academic Affairs

J. Wingo from Institutional Research has requested to attend an LAC meeting to share information regarding online course evaluations.

J. Deem has been appointed as the temporary Director of Counseling Services.

Connect with Southern Indiana is a leadership program that allows USI faculty members to work with community businesses and organizations. Encourage faculty to apply.

The commencement procedures for this year have not changed. For December graduation, all program directors, department chairs and deans are required to attend, and all faculty members are invited. For Spring 2010, all program directors, department chairs, deans and full-time and returning faculty are required to attend, dressed in full regalia. Any absences must be approved by the Dean.

XI. Core Curriculum Assessment

The core continues to be reviewed. Faculty were nominated to serve on the review committee as they prepare to review Category C of the Core Curriculum.

XII. Around the Table

Sociology, Anthropology, and Criminal Justice Studies –

N. Bambina, Director of the Honors Program, was featured on NPR's Science Fridays Program for her book about medical sociology.

Modern and Classical Languages –

The department, in celebrating the Hispanic Heritage Month, proudly presents the acclaimed Spanish guitar artist Maestro Soler on October 5th at 7 pm in Carter Hall, www.telefonica.net/web2/fpsoler/.

Art -

L. Dowhie had his ceramic work published in Lark Books: 500 Sculptures 2009

C. Roth had her work accepted into the post card show, “Wish You Were Here 8”, A.I.R. Gallery, New York, NY.

A. Kosten had two works accepted into The Mid-America Print Council Members Juried Exhibition, a national exhibition at the Kenneth P. McCutchan Art Center / Palmina F. and Stephen S. Pace Galleries.

Political Science –

Constitution Day is Friday, September 18. Gene Policinski, executive director of the First Amendment Center at Vanderbilt University, will present “State of the First Amendment in 2009” in Carter Hall at 2pm. After his public address, Mr. Policinski will participate in a Q&A/discussion in Kleymeyer Hall with interested faculty and students on First Amendment and media issues. The formal presentation is sponsored by the UCC; the Q/A session was organized by W.R. Mack.

History –

There is a Veteran’s Day event planning committee forming on campus – anyone interested, particularly student groups, should contact T. Hunt.

Communications –

Y. Lee had two papers accepted over the summer, the first with A. Mark of Psychology:


S. Young published two papers this year:
