

Liberal Arts Council  
Minutes of Meeting of October 5, 2005  
206A Coke Building

**Present:** Coopersmith, Dox, Eckert, Fleming, Greenwald, Ives, Kinzer, LeBuffe, LeUnes, Marchitello, Matthews (for Berthold), McIntosh, Mercilliot, Rich, Shandley, Verdier, Wright,  
**Absent:** Cooke, Hoagwood, Urbina  
**Guests:** Kathy Miller, Eric Rothenbuhler, Randy Sumpter (COMM); Claudia Nelson (ENGL and WMST), Associate Dean Oliver (CLA)

**Announcements:**

1. Dean Johnson was called out of town and was therefore unavailable for this meeting; executive Associate Dean Crouch presided. Agenda items V. D. 1 and 2 (College budget update and Interdisciplinary Programs discussion) were postponed until a future special meeting of the LAC, to be called by Dean Johnson.

2. Dean Crouch announced that two CLA departments—Economics and Philosophy—are conducting searches for new department heads.

3. Dean Crouch announced an upcoming event (held in conjunction with the joint AAU and ACLS initiative of the same name): President Gates will chair a roundtable discussion, “Reinvigorating the Humanities.” This event will take place on October 27, 2005, from 10 a.m. to noon (in Rudder 701). Members of the college are urged to attend.

**Questions:**

1. Dean Crouch was asked if the two department head searches were open to both internal and external candidates; he affirmed that both are open searches.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting of September 14, 2005 were approved unanimously.

**Old Business:** There was no old business.

**New Business:**

1. Synopses of the Executive Council Meetings.

Synopses of the September 6 and September 20 were reviewed; Dox (LAC representative to the EC) reviewed the synopses, drawing particular attention to two items: the Peer Review of Teaching Project and Dean Johnson’s update of the President’s Task Force on Enhancing the Undergraduate Experience. All members of the College are urged to review the Task Force report, especially the Executive Summary.

2. Undergraduate Instruction Committee

The Council approved unanimously all 14 resolutions, including: 12 new courses (COMM 345, COMM 360, COMM 365, COMM 375, COMM 410, COMM 415, ECON 460, INST 497, JAPN 301, JAPN 302, WMST 334, COMM 307 [changed from JOUR 301]); one change in course number (JOUR 407 to COMM 407), and one change in course number and title (JOUR 301 to JOUR 307).

3. Graduate Instruction Committee

The Council approved unanimously all 24 resolutions, including: 9 new courses (ANTH 652, COMM 632, COMM 634, COMM 658, COMM 659, COMM 662, COMM 663, PSYC 677, WMST 680); 3 changes to course titles (COMM 636, COMM 640, and PHIL 671); 6 changes to course titles and descriptions (ANTH 601, COMM 615, COMM 620, COMM 645, COMM 649, COMM 669); 3 changes to titles, descriptions, and prerequisite (COMM 650, PSYC 637, PSYC 638); 1 change in course description and contact hours (PHIL 691); the withdrawal of two courses (COMM 601, COMM 660); and the resolution to add the graduate certificate in Women’s Studies to the list of certificates eligible to appear on students’ graduate transcripts.

There being no further business, the Council adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Howard Marchitello, Secretary