

Hixson-Lied College of Fine & Performing Arts
Spring Faculty Meeting Minutes
Steinhart Room, Lied Center
Friday, April 3, 2009
3:00 PM

A regular meeting of the faculty of the Hixson-Lied College of Fine & Performing Arts was held on April 3, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. in the Steinhart Room, Lied Center for Performing Arts with refreshments following.

Present at the meeting were Giacomo Oliva, Robert Fought, Ed Forde, Andrea Bolland, Shelley Fuller, Aaron Holz, Christin Mamiya, Pete Pinnell, Francisco Souto, Alison Stewart, John Bailey, Carolyn Barber, Diane Barger, Dale Bazan, Alisa Belflower, Doug Bush, Kate Butler, Mark Clinton, Ann Chang-Barnes, Gretchen Foley, Rhonda Fuelberth, Rhonda Garelick, Paul Haar, Kevin Hanrahan, Donna Harler-Smith, Stan Kleppinger, Peter Lefferts, Alan Mattingly, Jeffrey McCray, William McMullen, Brian Moore, Glenn Nierman, Clark Potter, John Richmond, Pamela Starr, Russell White, Tyler White, Robert Woody, Ian Borden, Stan Brown, Rick Endacott, Bill Grange, Harris Smith, Paul Steger, and Sandy Veneziano.

MINUTES

Dean Giacomo Oliva presided over the meeting. The minutes of the November 6, 2008 meeting were approved.

CURRICULUM

There were no curriculum items to be discussed or acted upon.

HIXSON-LIED DISTINGUISHED ARTIST/SCHOLAR RESIDENCY: FALL SYMPOSIUM

Rhonda Garelick gave an overview of the new course she is developing for fall 09. The course title will be Race, American History and Performance and it will be cross listed as ARTS 398A, THEA 398, MUSC 398, DANC 398 Special Topics. The goal is to have the greatest share of students in this class be from the College of Fine and Performing Arts so faculty are to encourage their top students to register for this 1-3 hour class for the fall semester. Rhonda has contracted with David Dorfman, a dancer, to be here for two weeks in mid November teaching classes and doing workshops. David will give the performance *Disavow* at Kimball Hall before he leaves. Nilaja sun solo writer and performer of *No Child*, will come to UNL in Oct. to talk with local educators in an interview setting and perform her one-person show *No Child*. Also coming to UNL in Oct. will be Thomas DeFrantz, a tap and jazz dancer of African/American dance. He will be conducting two sessions and workshops and performing *Monk*. Rhonda is working with members of our College, Arts and Sciences, Education and Human Sciences, Ann Chang-Barnes at the Lied Center, and LPS to develop collaborative ways to make the most opportunities for UNL students and the community to experience these talented artists during their visits to Lincoln. This Distinguished Scholar/Artist Residency program will be funded by \$60,000 Hixson-Lied dollars.

DIGITAL ARTS

Dean Oliva gave an update on the progress of the new Digital Arts Program. The renovations in Music and the space in Richards Hall have been completed. Furniture and some equipment are in place with some purchases to be completed after the two new faculty (one in Art and one in Theatre) have been hired. Both search committees are currently interviewing candidates this

month. The first courses have been approved. The new faculty will be teaching these courses along with other courses in each of the departments this fall. It is hoped that Journalism, Architecture, Computer Science, and J.D. Edwards students may find some courses to interest them and our college can collaborate with these colleges. The Hixson-Lied Endowment gave \$100,000 over two years for equipment to help complete the new classroom space.

UPDATES

- News on the budget will not be known until the legislature meets in June.
- Nebraska Young Artists Day was a success with 61 awards being given to students from 35 different schools. To date over 800 awards have been given through this program. Funding for Nebraska Young Artists come from the Hixson-Lied Endowment, the Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Pepsi, and the College of Fine and Performing Arts, Dean's office.
- Congratulations to Tyler White from Music for being promoted to Full Professor, and Paul Haar and Kate Butler from Music for receiving Tenure and Promotion to Associate Professor.
- The Alumni Weekend will be Friday and Saturday, April 24-25, 2009. Alumni achievement Awards will be presented to Thomas Riesing (Art), Breanna Benjamin (Theatre), and Dr. Laurie Scott (Music.) RSVPs are needed if faculty plan to attend.

IMPORTANT DATES

Fall Convocation – *Tuesday, August 18, 2009, 9:30 am with lunch to follow.*

Fall Faculty Meeting - *Thursday, November 5, 2009, 11:30 with lunch to follow*

Spring Faculty Meeting - *Friday, April 9, 2010, 3:00 pm, with refreshments to follow*

Nebraska Young Artist Awards – *Monday, March 29, 2010*

Alumni weekend – *April 23-24, 2010*

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, a motion to adjourn was made and upon being seconded was unanimously approved.

Respectively Submitted,

Linda Luedtke
Assistant to the Dean