

Hixson-Lied College of Fine & Performing Arts
Spring Faculty Meeting Minutes
Lied Center for Performing Arts, Steinhart Room
Friday, April 9, 2010
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

A regular meeting of the faculty of the Hixson-Lied College of Fine & Performing Arts was held on Friday, April 9, 2010 at 3:00 PM, in the Steinhart Room of the Lied Center for Performing Arts, with refreshments following.

Present at the meeting were Giacomo Oliva, Christin Mamiya, Ed Forde, Paul Steger, John Richmond, Rick Endacott, William Grange, Steve Kolbe, Virginia Smith, Janice Stauffer, Ed Stauffer, Sharon Teo, Sandy Veneziano, Dana Fritz, Liz Ingraham, Wendy Katz, Mo Neal, Peter Pinnell, Alison Stewart, Jeff Thompson, Marissa Vigneault, Aaron Holz, Andrea Bolland, Scott Anderson, John Bailey, Diane Barger, Dale Bazan, Alisa Belflower, Doug Bush, Anthony Bushard, Kate Bulter, Peter Eklund, Anthony Falcone, Gretchen Foley, Donna-Harler Smith, Kevin Hanrahan, Therees Hibbard, Peter Lefferts, Susan Levine, Christopher Marks, Bill McMullen, Brian Moore, David Neely, Glenn Nierman, Eric Richards, Tyler White, and Robert Woody.

I. MINUTES

Dean Giacomo Oliva presided over the meeting. The minutes from the November 11, 2009 meeting were approved.

II. CURRICULUM

The following emphasis change was approved with all attendees voting yes. There were no negative votes or abstentions.

- **Modify Film and New Media Emphasis**
 - Bulletin Entry Part 1: Change required Theatre design credits from 9 to 6, and remove THEA 411, 413, 414, 419, and 451 from THEA design core list.
 - Bulletin Entry Part 2: Add courses removed from Part 1 to electives list and increase required elective credits from 21 to 24.
 - Film and New Media Emphasis remains a total of 48 credit hours.

III. ROBERT J KUTAK ETHICS CENTER

Susan Poser, Director of the Ethics Center, and Steven Swartzter, a PhD Candidate in the Department of Philosophy, have developed the Robert J Kutak Center for the Teaching and Study of Applied Ethics to be an interdisciplinary resource for all colleges. The Center is committed to sponsoring events such as brown bag sessions and graduate student workshops, etc. that encourage the exploration of ethics and advertising external conferences that are aligned with their mission. Steve showed the new ethics web site and explained what some of the resources the web site has to offer. The Ethics Center has an Advisory Board that meets a few times a year and would love to have a faculty member from the Hixson-Lied College be on the board. Please contact Susan or Steve with any suggestions for their web site www://ethics.unl.edu or in general for the Center.

IV. HIXSON-LIED INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS FALL SYMPOSIUM

Rhonda Garelick, Director of the Interdisciplinary Arts Symposium, talked about the success of last year's symposium and told the faculty about this fall's artist lineup. The theme this year will be Technology, Prosthetics and the Body in Performance and is dedicated to exploring the role of disabled individuals in performance and the integration of technology (prosthetics, electronics, and computers) into performance. Artists that will be coming to campus are Heidi Latsky and Gimp, Jody Sperling and Time Lapse Dance and ORLAN. Rhonda hopes to have a web site developed by fall that will be part of the College to help promote the symposium. She is also writing a series of publications devoted to IAS themes that University Press will be printing this fall.

V. DIGITAL ARTS

Jeff Thompson, Steve Kolbe, and Eric Richards talked about the Digital Arts classes that are currently being taught and what will be taught next year. They are excited at how popular the program is becoming and with the addition

of a new faculty person hired for the fall in the Music area even more collaboration and interdisciplinary work will be created. They also showed the faculty the Digital Arts new web site at www://digitalarts.unl.edu.

VI. UPDATES FROM THE DEAN

- **Associate Dean**
Christin Mamiya has done a great job in her first year as Associate Dean in learning the ropes and helping faculty out. She will continue to streamline and organize operations under her control to make everyone's jobs easier.
- **Promotion and Tenure**
Congratulations were given to Therees Hibbard, Aaron Holz and Alan Mattingly on their promotions to Associate Professor with Tenure and Scott Anderson on his promotion to Full Professor. Our college should be proud of the fact that all the nominations put forward to the Vice Chancellor for promotion and tenure over the past several years have been accepted and promoted in their respective categories.
- **Retirement**
Rusty White, from Music, will be retiring at the end of the semester. He will be missed by his colleagues and the College. A retirement get-together is being planned.
- **Budget Situation**
Chancellor Perlman will be announcing the budget reductions for the coming year on April 21, 2010. The college will be impacted but details will follow after the announcement.
- **Hixson-Lied Funding**
Several new proposals will be submitted to the Hixson-Lied Advisory Board at the spring meeting that will help students, faculty and programs. As the endowment continues to grow, the ability to fund more areas also grows. Details will be announced at the fall convocation.
- **Fall Convocation**
The time for fall Convocation will change this year as the new faculty orientation will be in the morning and our meeting will start at 2 pm with an outside speaker. A reception for new faculty will follow the meeting. The change is being made in hopes more faculty will attend the new faculty reception.
- **Faculty Searches**
Interviews are almost complete and the College will be hiring four new faculty for the fall in the following areas: Double Base and Digital Arts in Music, and Lightning Design and Professor of Practice in Theatre.

VII. IMPORTANT DATES

- Fall Convocation – *Tuesday, August 17, 2:00 pm, with refreshments to follow*
- Fall Faculty Meeting – *Thursday, November 4, 2010, 11:30 am, with lunch to follow*
- Spring Faculty Meeting – *Friday, April 8, 2011, 3:00 pm, with refreshments to follow*
- Graduate Showcase – *Thursday, March 10, 2011, Noon to 4:00 pm*
- Nebraska Young Artists Awards – *Wednesday, April 6, 2011*
- Alumni Weekend – *April 15-16, 2011*

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Linda Luedtke,
Assistant to the Dean