

Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts
Spring Faculty Meeting Minutes
Richards Hall 15
Friday, March 30, 2012
3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

A regular meeting of the faculty of the Hixson-Lied College of Fine and Performing Arts was held on Friday, March 30, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 15, Richards Hall, with refreshments following in the open area on second floor of Richards Hall. In order to help faculty learn more about what their colleagues do, Art faculty had their studios open to show and talk about their work to the faculty from the other schools that attended the meeting.

Present at the meeting were Christin Mamiya, Dori Smidt, Pete Pinnell, Paul Steger, John Richmond, Ian Borden, Rick Endacott, William Grange, Steve Kolbe, Harris Smith, Virginia Smith, Ed Stauffer, Sandy Veneziano, Andrea Bolland, Santiago Cal, Ed Forde, Dana Fritz, Michael Hoff, Liz Ingraham, Wendy Katz, Karen Kunc, Mo Neal, Matthew Sontheimer, Jeff Thompson, Carolyn Barber, Dale Bazan, Alisa Belflower, Anita Breckbill, Doug Bush, Kate Bulter, Rebecca Fischer, Rhonda Fuelberth, Donna Harler-Smith, Therees Hibbard, Stanley Kleppinger, Peter Lefferts, Christopher Marks, Brian Moore, David Neely, Jamie Reimer, Jonah Sirota, Tyler White and Brenda Wristen.

I. MINUTES

Interim Dean Christin Mamiya presided over the meeting. The April 8, 2011 minutes should have listed the GPA for a BFA in Film and New Media as 3.0 instead of 2.5. This correction should have been noted on the Nov. 3 minutes. The minutes from the November 3, 2011 meeting were approved as amended.

II. ASSISTANT DEAN

Dori Smidt has been hired by the College to be the Assistant Dean for Business and Financial Affairs. She comes to us from facilities and before that she worked in Accounting and at Deloitte and Touche. Her role in the College will be to insure the best practices are followed, and she will do long term financial planning. Her office is in 102 Woods in the space that Kathe Andersen occupied. Kathe has moved her office across the hall to 111 Woods.

III. COLLEGE INTERNSHIPS

The Hixson-Lied Community Arts Internships program is being discontinued for the time being for several reasons: Lindsay Bartlett, director of the program, left UNL at the beginning of spring semester; response from students last year to work in this internship was minimal; the program was changed to a full year internship which may have contributed to the small number of applicants; and only three interns applied this year to work in the community. Dean O'Connor may decide to revive the program again at a later date.

IV. INTERDISCIPLINARY ARTS SYMPOSIUM

Rhonda Garelick, director of the Interdisciplinary Arts Symposium, outlined the 2012-2013 as follows:

Ancient Greece was the birthplace of Western drama and dance. Accordingly, next year's theme is '*The Ancient Greeks seen through Modern Eyes,*' and is devoted to the way in which the performing arts have returned consistently for centuries to classical antiquity to make sense of the present day.

Performances will include (provisional list, subject to change):

- "The Dinner Party": a dramatic staging of Plato's Symposium, conceived as a contemporary play, by award-winning director David Herskovits, founder of the acclaimed Target Margin Theater (<http://www.targetmargin.org/who-we-are/staff/david-herskovits/>)

- "Aristotle's Poetics" – performed as a one-man show by performance artist and classical scholar, David Greenspan (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/David_Greenspan)

Note: Both Mr. Herskovits and Mr. Greenspan will be coming to Lincoln for a pre-show visit several weeks before their productions to speak to audiences and work with students, to enhance reception and understanding of the classical texts they use in their performances.

- Isadora Duncan Revisited: a contemporary dance troupe re-interprets Duncan's foundational modern dance choreography. Duncan developed her technique by studying ancient Greek dance. (<http://isadoraduncan.org>)

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The Conflicts of Interest Policy is being revised and the form for Authorization to Engage in Outside Professional Activity will be in NUGrants. The changes are expected to be implemented by the beginning of fall semester.
- Best wishes to Ron Bartels from Art on his upcoming retirement as of July 31, 2012.
- Christin thanked the faculty for their support during her term as Interim Dean.

VI. 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