

Humanities Division Meeting
February 21, 2008
N/E 107 2:00 – 3:00

Present: Pete Brown, John Burr, Liz Cannon, Fumiko Fukuta, Kay Neal, Ron Rindo, Andy Robson

- I. Minutes of December 12, 2007 were approved unanimously. (John moved, Ron seconded)

- II. Course and Program Actions:
 - a. Journalism: program change: add Computer Science 125.
Moved: John; Seconded: Fumiko
Discussion: Addition makes sense for the Journalism program and collaboration is fine with Computer Science.
Unanimously approved.

 - b. Women's Studies 315: Add Women and Madness as a new course for Women's Studies.
Moved: Pete
Seconded: Fumiko
Discussion: wanted to make sure this is a course that others can teach and not just person currently proposing it. Yes, it is.
Unanimously approved.

- III. Graduate Survey:

Career Services is asking for help in publicizing their annual survey for students who have graduated. The information gleaned from this survey is valuable for both Departments and for Accreditation purposes. Currently, participation rate is low. Survey can be found on the Career Services webpage (www.uwosh.edu/career) and clicking on "Take our Graduate Survey." A suggestion was made that we invite someone from Career Services to talk to us about how the information from this survey can be used by Departments/Programs. Andy will look into this. The question was raised of whether there is a way to connect PeopleSoft to the Alumni Office so Departments/Programs can get current email addresses for their graduated majors/minors.

- IV. Wisconsin in Scotland:

Jenna Graff from the Office of International Education is looking for volunteers for the Wisconsin in Scotland Program (now in its 20th year). This program allows one faculty or instructional academic staff member from each participating Wisconsin University to apply to teach in the Program's fall semester, spring semester, or summer sessions. Applicants are chosen based on the disciplines they need to fill out their program. The program would

cover the chosen applicant's salary. Those interested should email Jenna Graff, call the Wisconsin In Scotland office at 715-425-3238, or go to the WIS web site at www.uwrf.edu/wis.

- V. Permanent Property Request:
Permanent Property Requests are due March 6. See Barb Christenson's email for proper submitting policy. The Humanities Division will rank requests at our regularly scheduled March 13 meeting. The Dean's Office will rank the requests on March 14. It was noted that it is hard to get pricing information in this short period of time and that the focus will be on refurbishing rather than new when possible. The Computer Request cycle will follow: no date set yet. In this cycle, remember that computers are replaced every three years.
- VI. Reports from Departments:
- a. Philosophy: On-campus interviews are currently being conducted for the Ancient Philosophy position.
 - b. Women's Studies: an offer has been made for the Women's Studies Director position.
 - c. Communications: 3 positions have been successfully filled: 2 in RTF and 1 in Org. Com
 - d. Religious Studies and Anthropology: Religious Studies is successfully working on revising their curriculum, one of the suggestions from their last Program Review.
 - e. Foreign Languages: agreed to house the Women's Studies candidate if she accepts.
 - f. English: Currently conducting on-campus interviews for 2 positions: Creative Non-Fiction and Shakespeare
 - g. Journalism: search was successful.
- VII. Other Business:
- a. Discussion of recently submitted academic staff files for rehiring. No news on when decisions will be made. Question of 2-year contracts for academic staff was raised. A suggestion was made that these contracts be rotated among academic staff. Problem is not willingness but instability of budget.

Possible guest from Arc-Winnebago County Disability Association could not make it.

Adjourned: 2:45pm

Respectfully submitted by Liz Cannon