Faculty Council Meeting Minutes May 1, 2008

Present: Julio de Paula, Dean of the College; Jane Hunter, Associate Dean; Cliff Bekar, Associate Professor of Economics; Ken Clifton, Associate Professor of Biology; Dinah Dodds, Professor of German; Deborah Heath, Associate Professor of Anthropology; Mervyn Brockett, Assistant to the President; and Terri Banasek, Executive Assistant and recorder.

Agenda Items:

- 1. The minutes of April 10 and 17, 2008, were approved.
- 2. Language on diversity for ads: Dean de Paula has not gotten feedback from David Ellis on the language regarding diversity. He has changed the language to read: "Lewis & Clark is committed to preparing students for leadership in an increasingly interdependent world and affirms the educational benefits of diversity ("The Educational Benefits of Diversity," http://www.lclark.edu/dept/about/diversity.html). We encourage applicants to explain how their teaching, scholarly and service activities at Lewis & Clark might contribute to a learning community that values diversity." Faculty Council approved the language with the following changes:
 - a. Change "and" to "and/or" in the last sentence.
 - b. Delete the title of the webpage and include only the url.
- 3. Faculty Council discussed the draft language on initiatives (attached).
- 4. Faculty Council discussed the English department external review. There are no major curricular implications other than the possibility of a new tenure-line hire to bring in new courses. That is a longer term issue. The English department has not yet responded to the report. It was agreed that Faculty Council should wait on any further discussion until the department submits its response to the report.
- 5. Dean de Paula thanked the Faculty Council members for their service it has been a very productive year. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.