

English Dept. Meeting Notes

August 21, 2012

In Attendance: Maria Cahill, Jill Hummel, Rebecca Harris, John Pelot, Pam Mangene, Sara Dustin, Keith Hunter, Thomas Wayne, Marty Ambrose, Ellie Bunting, Amanda Pollitt, David Luther, Natala, Jim Langlas, Jason Calabrese.

*Cindy Hewitt from SmartThinking gave a brief introduction and answered several questions from the faculty. The link will be sent Maria; then it will be forwarded on to the rest of the dept. Natala suggested some way to connect the work done in SmartThinking to some sort of student portfolio used for assessment.

*Connect concerns-Pam was concerned about online codes for DE and E-learning not available yet. Problem was solved by the 3 week grace period.

*Textbook updates-The bookstore ordered the wrong text for Amanda's class, but she got it worked out. There has been some confusion regarding textbooks for online courses. David had problems regarding his online literature course and not being able to track down who ordered the wrong book.

*Class Cancellation- Maria brought up the issue that courses were getting cancelled too early before students had a chance to sign up. She also encourage people to not give up the first time a course was offered, but to play with the schedule to find the right time slot.

*Comp II Offerings- Both the Collier and Charlotte campuses agree that offering more selections of Essay and Tech Writing would be welcome. Change "Essay" title to "Contemporary Argumentation."

*Unit Plan-MIA-Marty may have a copy of the old one. Maria will work on our current Unit Plan.

*Assessment-No report ever returned regarding the Comp II Assessment done last year. Maria suggested forming a small committee spearheaded by Amy and for the dept. to take assessment "back." Marty suggested holding off a meeting until Dr. Stuart comes on board which will give us clarification as to what we need to do.

*Writing Center-Marty still on the lookout for where our fees are going. Her goal is to get a handle on the money. Both Maria and Marty want to bring back the W. C. under the control of

the Eng. Dept. and have Dr. Dennison oversee the money. A committee will be formed to determine a plan of action.

*Writing degree-A.A. in Writing, A.F.A, or professional writing certification. Form a committee to begin designing and growing this option. Natalia suggested tying it to Education. Also, looking at writing programs at UCF, FGCU, USF to consider how their programs are organized and if we could tailor our curriculum towards them as possible transfer programs. Also, considering a professional certification for local businesses as part of professional development for their companies. Ellie informed us regarding a certification grant deadline in July that may give us some funding for certificate development. Kim Gresham is the person to contact.

*Hiring Updates- position being posted very soon for a possible hire in January 2013. A request was made for Maria to look over the job description to make it less general and to tailor it to the department position.

*Upcoming Events- 9/28 FLAC event. Conferences- FLAC, Sanibel Writers- Marty suggested applying for scholarships for faculty writing projects. Update on Edison Writes and the first meeting and information regarding the meeting with the BOT.

Meeting ended at 3:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jill Hummel