

English Department Minutes: 1/8/13

In Attendance: Maria Cahill, Rebecca Harris, John Pelot, Pam Mangene, Ihasha Horn, Keith Hunter, Thomas Wayne, Marty Ambrose, Ellie Bunting, Amanda Lehrian, Scott Ortolano, Natala Orobella, Jim Langlas, Jason Calabrese. Absent: David Luther

Maria introduced new faculty: Ihasha Horn and Scott Ortolano.

Marty expressed appreciation of the search committee and Maria for processing the interviews and hiring for the recent faculty positions.

Marty-Writing Center update: Interviewing for IAs; tutor training completed in the fall. She also commented on the Southeast Writing Center Conference in Lauderdale on 2/21-2/23.

-Marty also recommended some sort of request to other disciplines to not make their courses so bottom-heavy with an "unprocessed" research paper at the end of their courses creating a "bottle-neck" in the W.C. at the end of the semester. Keith will be working on that statement.

-Maria suggested we also ask for more funding to hire more tutors to handle the end of the semester crunch.

Amy- Assessment Update: 70 artifacts collected; contacting sub-committee about scoring. She updated faculty regarding the state pushing for an oral requirement for the COMM gen. ed.; also, state is under the impression that ENC 1101 is a prereq. for writing intensive courses.

Maria- Syllabi Concerns: make sure faculty sends her a copy of our syllabi; committee or volunteers to review and cleanup 1101 and 1102 master syllabi; also some inconsistencies in the Lit. standards. Briefly, with regard to syllabi consistency, Maria brought up discussion of 1102 handbook requirement. She suggested that we need to list the handbook as a requirement for 1102 (the same one we use for 1101); however, acknowledged that faculty may choose to make exceptions for students who transfer to ESC from another college and bring with them another acceptable handbook. Discussion will continue.

Marty- Rose Kosches Update: handed out timeline and student applications; DE students excluded; possibly adding the category of Drama for submissions; possibly reconsidering how the awards are distributed.

Maria-Illuminations Update: received money for scholarships through Edison Foundation; considering possible writing contests such as essay or literary conference; asked us to encourage our students to submit to the journal

Online Course Revision Update: Comp I needing reworked; Comp II just needing some tweaking.

Ellie- Certificate/Degree program: Grant not available unless we have a timed writing program already in existence; no new programs while we are on probation.

Maria and Scott discussed possible help from FGCU for English degree development; possibly partnering with the Education department for lit courses; resurrect the Business Writing course from Tech.

John-FLAC update. FLAC writer 2/27 Charlotte campus.

Rebecca- HAT Camps-2/16-17 in Orlando

Marty will bring in a list of grants for faculty for next meeting.

Edison Writes Shoutout

Mention of Dana Roes exhibit 1/11

Schedule next meeting 2/8 2:00. All faculty will meet on Lee; exact location to be determined.

Gratefully submitted,

Jill Hummel