***Minutes***

Communication and Foreign Languages Department Meeting

Myra H. Walters, Chair

February 14, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. in U 202B

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|  | Present | Absent | Excused |
| **Administration** |  |  |  |
| Emory Alford | x |  |  |
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| **Faculty** |  |  |  |
| Fernando Mayoral | x |  |  |
| John Connell |  |  | x |
| Ann Eastman | x |  |  |
| Brad Holley | x |  |  |
| Cynthia Enslen | x |  |  |
| Myra H. Walters | x |  |  |
| Katie Paschall | x |  |  |
| Tonia East |  |  | x |
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| **Staff** |  |  |  |
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| **Adjunct Faculty** |  |  |  |
| Laura Leslie | x |  |  |
| Joyce Pulse | x |  |  |
| Rebecca Yost |  |  | x |
| Melissa Rizzuto | x |  |  |
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| **Guests** |  |  |  |
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1. The meeting was called to order at 1:02 p.m. The meeting began with introductions and a conversation with Dr. Alford where everyone shared positive teaching experiences. Dr. Alford described what he envisions his role is as the Dean of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.
2. The minutes for the January meeting were approved. (Paschall, Eastman)

**Professional Development**:

1. Walters and Paschall shared highlights of the workshop they presented in October at the Florida Communication Association conference on “Building Community.” Walters and Paschall discussed why it is important for the Department to build community across the curriculum and across the campuses. They also discussed strategies for how we can each take responsibility and make college connections by serving on college committees to represent and advocate for our department. Walters and Paschall ended their presentation by identitying some of the things we have done in our department, some things we are currently doing and what we plan to do in the future to build community. In closing, Paschall noted that we need to be engaged and promote our own department by connecting with others on campus including the administration and staff.
2. Eastman reported on her current blended course for SPC 2023. She believes that there is more student engagement on the part of the students enrolled in the blended section compared to the students in the ground course. A brief amount of time was taken during our meeting to collaborate and brainstorm ways to improve the blended course.

**Action Items:**

1. There were no action items to report.

**Information Updates**:

1. As a member on the committee for the B.S. of Emerging Media, Anne Eastman reported on its status.
2. Walters presented several informational updates:
	* Walters reported on the Dual Enrollment assessment status for the FRE 1120 and SPN 1120 courses. Materials have been collected, but not yet analyzed for FRE. Documentation is still incoming for SPN 1120. Dual enrollment assessment will include SPN, FRE and intro to Public Speaking.
	* Walters highlighted some of the key points from Dr. Albritton’s “strategic initiative” concerning the college. One of the 2014 legislative priorities is textbook affordability. The textbook policy is located on pages 10 and 11 of the collective negotiations document.
	* Walters reported that she would be meeting with Laura Weir to discuss the establishment of a Modern language Center. Walters offered an update on iPads for the full-time speech faculty as a testing program which may later be extended to all adjunct faculty as well. There is a possibility to extend this to the Foreign Language faculty also.
3. Holley updated the department on the French Study Abroad planned for summer A. He is still recruting students.
4. Enslen discussed the T.A.L.K. group which was originally established in the summer of 2010. Their first meeting was in the fall of 2011. They are currently in their 7th semester and they are working with their third president. There's not a desire for to become a grandiose Club rather come there to keep it. It was suggested that the president of T.A.L.K. make videos to promote the club.
5. Walters who is on the QEP Advisory meeting provided a Q.E.P. update and discussed the benefits of teaching SLS 1515 as well as some of the SLS 1515 courses that she has visited. During her visits, she has promoted speech courses as well as foreign language courses.
6. Mayoral and Paschall who both serve on the Assessment Committee reported that they will be attending an upcoming workshop.
7. Melissa Rizzuto discussed the upcoming disappearance of the portal course tools which will go away in June of the summer. She said that additional Canvas training will be added to the training schedule to accommodate this change.
8. Mayoral was recognized as President of the Florida World Languages Association
9. Professor East was recognized for recently being published in the Charlotte Sun.
10. Movement to adjourn (Paschall, Holley).