***Minutes***

Department of Speech Communication and Foreign Languages

Fernando Mayoral, Chair

January 11, 2019 at 9:00 am

(Charlotte J-118, Collier G-109, Edison I-228,)

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|  | Present | Absent | Excused |
| **Administration** |  |  |  |
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| **Faculty** |  |  |  |
| Fernando Mayoral | x |  |  |
| John Connell | x |  |  |
| Ann Eastman | x |  |  |
| Cynthia Enslen |  |  | x |
| Ron Feemster | x |  |  |
| Dan Maguire | x |  |  |
| Kathie Paschall | x |  |  |
| Dani Peterson | x |  |  |
| Jennifer Summary | x |  |  |
| Myra Walters | x |  |  |
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| **Full-Time Temporary and Adjunct Faculty** |  |  |  |
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| Jim Acton | x |  |  |
| Vernita Batchelder | x |  |  |
| Phil Bickel | x |  |  |
| Jerry Elam | x |  |  |
| Eliut Gonzalez |  | x |  |
| |  |  | | --- | --- | | Bobby MacPhail | X | | x |  |  |
| Joyce Puls | x |  |  |
| Penny Ranson | x |  |  |
| Carol Roark | x |  |  |
| Roy Samuelson | x |  |  |
| Josh Youakim |  | x |  |
| **Guest** |  |  |  |
| Victor Strasburger |  |  |  |
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1. **Call to Order**: The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Fernando Mayoral, Chair.
2. **Approval of Minutes**
3. Corrections to Nov. 9 minutes
   1. Jennifer Summary’s name is spelled with an “a” not and “e” as in Summery.
   2. John Connell made a motion to approve the minutes with the changes included. Myra Walters seconded. The corrected minutes were unanimously approved.
4. **Reports**
5. National Communication Association (reported by Professor Katie Paschall and Professor Myra Walters)
   1. Myra and Katie moderated sessions at the NCA. Myra handed out copies of The State of the Discipline: Communication Graduation Requirements in the State of Florida by Connie Hudspeth and Rich Mercadante.

The document provides a rundown of the speech-communication graduation requirements at the 28 state colleges. Myra explained that many colleges are seeking flexible options for students who may do public speaking in non-speech courses. Even so, more colleges have elected not to drop oral communication course requirements than have chosen to drop them. Katie mentioned the sessions on political communication at the conference and announced that Myra had been elected to state office.   
Jerry Elam noted that it is not clear what if any consistent policy

1. Food Insecurity at FSW (reported by Professor Ron Feemster; not on the agenda)
   1. Ron Feemster explained his ARC grant-funded research project on food insecurity at FSW’s four campuses.
2. Resources (reported by Professor Myra Walters)
   1. Myra introduced new speech resources, including a repository of recorded student speeches uploaded in the oral comm center. This is a repository of vetted speeches, unlike those available on YouTube or other open platforms.
   2. Ann gave an update on FSW Online, including new technology. Speech has at least 18 sections online at present. The Kaltura changeover was set for January. Ann and Victor went to Kaltura training. A question was raised about whether the Charlotte Academic Success Center provides help with Kaltura. Myra pointed out that students do better with the platform if they are given time to learn the platform early in the semester.   
      Jennifer Summary launched Comm 2460, a speech elective, online.
3. Update on SPC 1017 Online (Reported by Professor Ann Eastman)
   1. Ann updated the department on SPC 1017 Online. The textbook will change in the fall. Ann and Katie are doing reviews and have narrowed the field to two texts that emphasize intercultural communication earlier in the course. More details were promised for a coming meeting.
   2. Jennifer, Roy and Venita were thanked for taking overloads to get the 18 sections of online speech courses off the ground.
4. Intercultural Communication Debate (reported by Professor Roy Samuelson)
   1. The intercultural debate, also known as Great Debate II since it is an expansion of Cindy’s great Debate, is a class-culmination project in which students demonstrate knowledge of intercultural communication, proper debate procedure, and critical thinking. The event is currently scheduled for April 4 in the early evening. The location remains undecided, as does the debate topic.
5. Oral Communication Center (reported by Victor Strasburger, instructional assistant.)
   1. Victor ran down arrange of topics the center offers help with, including brainstorming topics, outlines, citations and speech structure among others. Students can expect to be led toward improvement with the Socratic Method. They will have an opportunity to practice the speech in front of the OCC staff. Students are welcome to seek help with group projects. The OCC will offer workshops in APA citations, public-speaking anxiety and other topics. Faculty are welcome to come in to consult about specific assignments. The OCC will be happy to offer an orientation in O-205 or to visit classes. Hours of the OCC are 8:30 to 6:30.
6. Speech and Foreign Language Openings (reported by Professor Fernando Mayoral)
   1. There are two openings coming up for fall semester. One is a professor who can teach Italian and, ideally, at least one other language. There is also an opening for a speech professor in Charlotte.
7. Professional Development Day
   1. Professional Development Day for Speech has been scheduled tentatively for March. Professor Joe Van Gaalen has recommended a date in February, according to Katie.
8. Summer Teaching(reported by Professor Fernando Mayoral)
   1. The deadline for requesting summer courses is in February. Department members were encouraged to watch for updates.
9. One Book, One College (reported by Professor Myra Walters)
   1. A book has been selected to be incorporated into teaching across the entire college. The goal is for all faculty in the college to use the book in the coursework for every class on campus. .
10. **Announcements**
11. Faculty are reminded to turn in syllabi.
12. Attendance verification is due on Jan. 15.
13. In case of class cancellations, faculty are reminded to notify Fernando, Wendie Thompson, and Dean Teed.
14. The Symposium for teaching and Learning was scheduled for Jan. 22 on the FGCU campus and Jan. 23 on the FSW Lee campus. This will be the first opportunity to collaborate with FGCU on a professional development event. The topic is inclusion and diversity. Participants will enjoy breakfast, lunch and a wine-and-beer reception.
15. **Adjournment**: Professor Roy Samuelson moved to adjourn and Professor Myra Walters seconded. After a voice vote, the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Feemster