**ENGLISH DEPARTMENT NOTES**

**FEBRURARY 10, 2023**

***Sara Dustin****,* ***Ihasha Horn, Michael Barach, Tom Mohundro, Brandi***

***George, John Pelot, Jeremy Pilarski, Suzanne Biedenbach, Cara Minardi-Power, Amy***

***Trogan, Jill Hummel, Leonard Owens, Eric Ivy, Thomas Wayne, Jason Calabrese,***

***Mark Massaro, Elle Bunting, Scott Ortolano, Edward Krzeminski.***

Not Present: ***Dr. Jennifer Grove***

**I. Research Expo, Dr. Wendy Chase**

1.Scheduled the time of that event to collegiate high school schedule. By next year we will be able to host an event across the district, but for now, I am here to make an appeal to take your students or give them extra credit. Entire schedule will be available soon. Pick and choose what they might attend. Guest lectures include Dr. Pritchett sharing his most recent research. Incredible lineup, 12 o’clock to 1:15. Corpse film created an exquisite surrealist art piece. Brandi will bring Nance Van Winckel, a visual poet. She’s going to be doing a reading from 1:30 to 2:30. Blackbox Theater will do made a student- made musical composition. Entire week, one of your students, Stephanie Simon has gathered five artists. The theme of this violence again. Collective art. She is Iranian. Three other artists. Again, give you a heads up. Send your students to events. Thank you for all you do for your students!

**II. January Meeting Notes**

1. English Department votes to approve minutes.

**III. Department Chair Meeting, Dr. Sara Dustin**

1. Plagiarism issues. Strengthening our cause. Looking at our language. Tighten it up as much as possible. As we best we can. Trying to stay on top of it. If we could please take another look. Concerned about academic integrity.

**Prof. Ihasha Horn**: Wonder UFF has anything to say about it.

**Dr. Dustin**: I have not heard anything.

**Prof. Lenny Owens**: Mark just posted that CHATGPT is being used. We’re trying to be on top of that.

**IV. Assessment, Dr. Cara Minardi-Power**

1. LAC completed calibration session to prepare for Gen ed assessment (completed April 1). COURSE assessment reports should be done by 1 April. Assessment 101 to launch soon in Canvas.

2. 1101 survey:

Team aspire has built this in Qualtrics, email will go out to students the first week of April.

*Dear Student,*

*Florida SouthWestern State College’s English Department asks you to complete an online evaluation for your Composition courses.  By clicking the link below, you will be taken to a survey regarding your ENC1101 and ENC1102 experience.  Evaluations take about 5 minutes.*

*We value your feedback and your responses will help improve writing instruction at FSW.  Your responses are confidential and will not be released until final course grades are submitted.*

**V. OER, Dr. Scott Ortolano and Prof. Lenny Owens**

1.Throw one quick shoutout to English. We have completed one draft of the book. We completed a full draft of the book. Our project that has been completed by the college. We are going into a review and revision stage. Professor Laura Henning will be a reviewer. We feel confident about the structure of the book. We are pulling it all together. One chapter to the next. We are feeling very good about it. We have included a diversity section. Perhaps, because of the climate, we may have to remove the chapter. Still, Scott and I feel good about it. We have gotten a lot of good feedback. We should be pretty much fully done. We’ll be done, done, soon! We started this eight months ago. But it made sense given how much we have learned. I am proud of the work we have done.

**Dr. Ortolano**: I think people are really going to like the work.

**Dr. Dustin**: I think it was an amazing job.

**VI. Certificate/Badge, Dr. Amy Trogan**

1. Have all contributed in the different ways. Brandi, Jeremy, and everyone from the department has been invaluable. Suzanne has also been pivotal, considering her connection to the state. They can interrupt me at any time. We got to talk about the curricular process. Discussion about CCC or badging process. This could be the way to go. People are interested in doing something broader. Internship piece was discussed quite a bit. Voice to concerns to Dr. Rebecca Harris. We don’t have an internship course intact that is housed in our school. We do have a lot of options. We have somethings regarding special topics. A student could do the Capstone.

**VII. OBOC, Prof. Jason Calabrese**

1**.** Nothing we need support with, Dustin. Working on promoting the event.

**VIII. Writing Center, Prof. Lenny Owens**

1. Our IA’s have been doing great. We have YouTube videos and webinars. I feel these IA’s have done a fantastic job. Gets our students comfortable with them. Already

going to tutoring sessions. Writing center is humming. 533 visits. Keep supporting the Writing Center. Laura and her 1130 students enjoy the videos.

**IX. Creative Writing, Dr. Brandi George**

1. Nance Van Winkle. Great poet. Beautiful, graphic pieces. Visual. Majority of the work with this. Very, very cool. Unusual. Zoom event. Showing in J 103. Wonderful, visual poet. Post that in the chat now.

**Dr. Mike Barach**: I need students for my Florence trip. Please let your students know.

**X. Union, Dr. Jill Hummel**

**1.** So, our proposal, we were working on was rejected by the admin. We are going to be sending out a survey. Has to do with faculty senate and maintaining shared governance. Not budging on VPAA oversight. We were told that someone with mental illness could not serve on this committee. They want it into the college. No nominating friends. If it’s rare, why do we want it. Technically, it will be impasse. We are losing shared governance. Research position is taking quite a beating. VPAA determines who get the research committee get to decide who is on the committee. All research positions have to be approved by VPAA. Research positions took a big hit. Department chairs have their summer back. Coordinators may get some compensation. Elle, anything else? Not really. It’s disheartening. Everyone is 120%. We stop doing it. Are we going to do it. Just shut up and teach.

**Dr. Minardi- Power**: How can they evaluate without a job description?

Prof. Elle Bunting: Well, there is a description, but you can either take it or can leave it.

**Dr. Hummel**: Dr. Bilsky asked me if I was aware of the mental health crisis that is happening.

**Dr. Dustin**: You all handled it beautifully. Tried to point out.

**Dr. Hummel**: Reporting faculty’s contribution to the department to the Dean. So, I don’t what to do and how to respond. So much done. They asked for processes and then they deleted them out of the proposal. It’s a like the shell game.

**Prof. Owens**: They are just trying to wear us out until we cave in. Inconsiderate and malicious

**Prof. Bunting**: We must settle, or they will take away the union rights.

**Dr. Dustin**: Anything we can do to support your all.

**Dr. Hummel**: The English department shows up consistently. We have been pretty solid in terms up for support. Committee duties and extra things.

**Dr. Dustin:** It’s sad. Doing it on the behalf of the students. I am flabbergasted. Thank you, Elle; thank you Jill.

**XI. Concurrent Faculty and Curriculum Committee, Prof. Jeremy Pilarski**

1. Trying to get concurrent faculty to submit video recordings and portfolio materials. Because of my course load, there is simply not enough time for me to drive to four different districts and do observations. It’s bit more difficult now that Dr. Sterk is gone. She was a guiding force. I will send out an email this week to remind them to get their stuff submitted.

2. Curriculum committee is as busy as ever. We have over 40 proposals to review. Most of it is Respiratory and Cardiovascular. We expect some from nursing. If we go the badge route for the Writing Program, then it will not be curricular issue. It might be easier to make course changes if we go the badge route. Something to think about it.

**XII. Faculty Updates**

1**.** None

Meeting adjourned 11:00.

\*Notes by Prof. Jeremy Pilarski