

Department of English & Philosophy Meeting Minutes for August 30, 2005

Attending:

English

Jennifer Adkison
Brian Attebery
Keith Comer
Terry Engebretsen
Janne Goldbeck
Hal Hellwig
Kathleen King
Tom Klein
Sonja Launspach
Tracy Montgomery
Bern Mulvey
Brian Norman

Susan Swetnam
Curt Whitaker
Vince Willoughby
Jessica Winston
Brent Wolter
Mark Dodd
Tom Flanigan
Dawn Lattin
Jackie Maughan
Penelope Reedy
Deborah Shein
Amy Raymond

Philosophy TT

Carl Levenson
Russell Wahl

The meeting began at 2:30 p.m.

Reports from Faculty Senate

Faculty Senate:

Tom Klein noted that new faculty committee memberships were open and encouraged those interested to apply. Also, faculty Senate representatives met with administration officials yesterday (8/29) to address issues concerning administrative salary increases. Some options were discussed concerning faculty dissatisfaction with the administrative raises and the process through which there were granted. Tom was asked to recommend that the Faculty Senate consider various possibilities, such as a vote of no confidence in the university administration, and to request that a more transparent explanation of the process be provided to all faculty.

Announcements

Departmental committee membership notices have been sent to all.

Spring schedules will be available for faculty on Sept. 7th or 8th. Potential conflicts or other issues will need to be addressed before Sept. 28th.

Copying costs budget cards will be made available this week (\$1.25 per student, which equals 25 copies per student on the "Departmental" machine, or 38 copies per student via the Dean's office or

copy center machines). The Department will try to purchase copy cards for faculty use if individual accounts are not spent during the academic terms.

Brent Walter has joined us as the new professor in TESOL.

New instructor positions: Amy Raymond and Elijah Coleman.

Departmental loads this term:

090 now has 414 students enrolled;
 over 50 sections of 101 with 932 students;
 102 has 1,008 students enrolled;
 110 has 605 students (and 115 with 41 students);
 American Studies 200 has 39 students.

We had 74 people teaching last fall, but 76 this fall, with fewer graduate student instructors.

The Department's budget is exactly the same as last year (no increase):

irregular salaries	6,373
travel	10,776
communication	13,960
materials and supplies	24,103
capital expenses	6,924
local	4,353

New Business

The Department has been authorized by the Dean's office to hire one new position this year, but we need to define the position. Also, the printed text announcement (job ad) has to be with MLA by Friday, September 9th. Faculty are asked to give input about their hiring recommendations to P&P committee members (Terry, Russell, Alan, Keith, or Jessica) prior to this Thursday, September 1st. The Department will meet again on Tuesday, September 6th to finalize the recommendation.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.