

## Department of English & Philosophy Meeting Minutes for October 4, 2005

### Attending:

#### English

Jennifer Adkison  
Keith Comer  
Terry Engebretsen  
Janne Goldbeck  
Alan Johnson

Kathleen King  
Tom Klein  
Tracy Montgomery  
Bern Mulvey  
Brian Norman

Curt Whitaker  
Vince Willoughby  
Jessica Winston  
Mark Dodd  
Dawn Lattin

Jackie Maughan  
Penelope Reedy  
Amy Raymond  
Summer Jackman

#### Philosophy

Jim Skidmore  
Russell Wahl

The meeting began at 2:30 p.m.

### Announcements

Periodic Performance Reviews (PPRs) are being conducted – for those involved, please submit your information to Terry as soon as possible.

College of A&S is having a presentation of research and other ongoing work at the Bisline Theater at the Performing Arts Center. Bern Mulvey will be presenting at this gathering on October 28 at 2:30-4:30 pm.

The search for the new position is taking place, with the ad placed in the online version of the MLA joblist.

We have received additional funding from the College for faculty development and travel. Faculty are asked to submit prospective conference and travel plans to Terry.

There are already plagiarism cases appearing, and there is a Department template for working through the process (see Lisa for a copy). Faculty and instructors are asked to speak with Terry before speaking with the student involved.

There has been a suggestion concerning the one-time, one-percent bonus – perhaps this could be used to create a scholarship fund within the Department. Faculty are asked to contact Terry with their thoughts on that proposal.

### Reports from (Standing) Committees

Research & Prof. Development: Upcoming works-in-progress for late October.

English Undergraduate: Will be looking at the PPR system and reports.

Philosophy Undergraduate:	Russell noted that there will be a colloquium on Oct. 14th; also, a speaker from the COLD project presenting a talk on Monday, Oct. 10th.
Composition:	The Composition Committee will be reviewing the 102 textbook list this year (this will involve the list for approved texts for <i>next</i> academic year, 2006-7).
Special Programs:	Bern observed that October's speaker will not be visiting campus until the spring. There may be a colloquium for this term with respect to creative writing and publishing.
Faculty Senate:	Tom discussed the last two faculty senate meetings that had addressed issues of the recent administrative pay raises and process that had called for a vote of no confidence in the University President. Mark Dodd asked that faculty and instructors based in Idaho Falls also be considered with respect to voting locations in the future.

## **New Business**

Terry was asked to report back on how the new funds for raises were going to be used or divided across the college.

Terry noted that, partly in response to the accreditation reports, the Department will begin addressing four larger issues this year: curriculum revision, tenure and promotion criteria for the department (and the period performance review process), committee restructuring, and the Department's assessment plan. The first of these to be addressed is curriculum revision – this is discussed both in the Department's internal reports and the outside review that formed part of last year's accreditation.

With respect to curricular revision, the Department also needs to keep in mind that various courses directly serve the secondary education curriculum from the College of Education. We also have one of the higher numbers of credit hours required (45) of majors in A&S.

P&P has suggested that the Department begins with individual written comments about any curricular revision options or ideas – one-page, brief statements – about what an English major should be able to do at the conclusion of the English degree. Then, an additional one-page concept of a curriculum that might produce such graduates (e.g., historical? genre-based?). Then P&P can try and take those statements and try to summarize them in a manner that the entire Department could then discuss at a faculty meeting.

Terry will make some of the current and ongoing discussions of curricula from the ADE Chairs' listserv available in the Department office.

Jennifer Adkison noted that the most frequently asked question of American Studies majors this term has been, "What can I do with this degree?" Tom Klein asked if it could be possible to have a work-study student conduct a telephone survey of recent graduates.

Terry asked that faculty submit their initial comments by Monday, October 24th (via paper copy or email to Terry).

**The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.**